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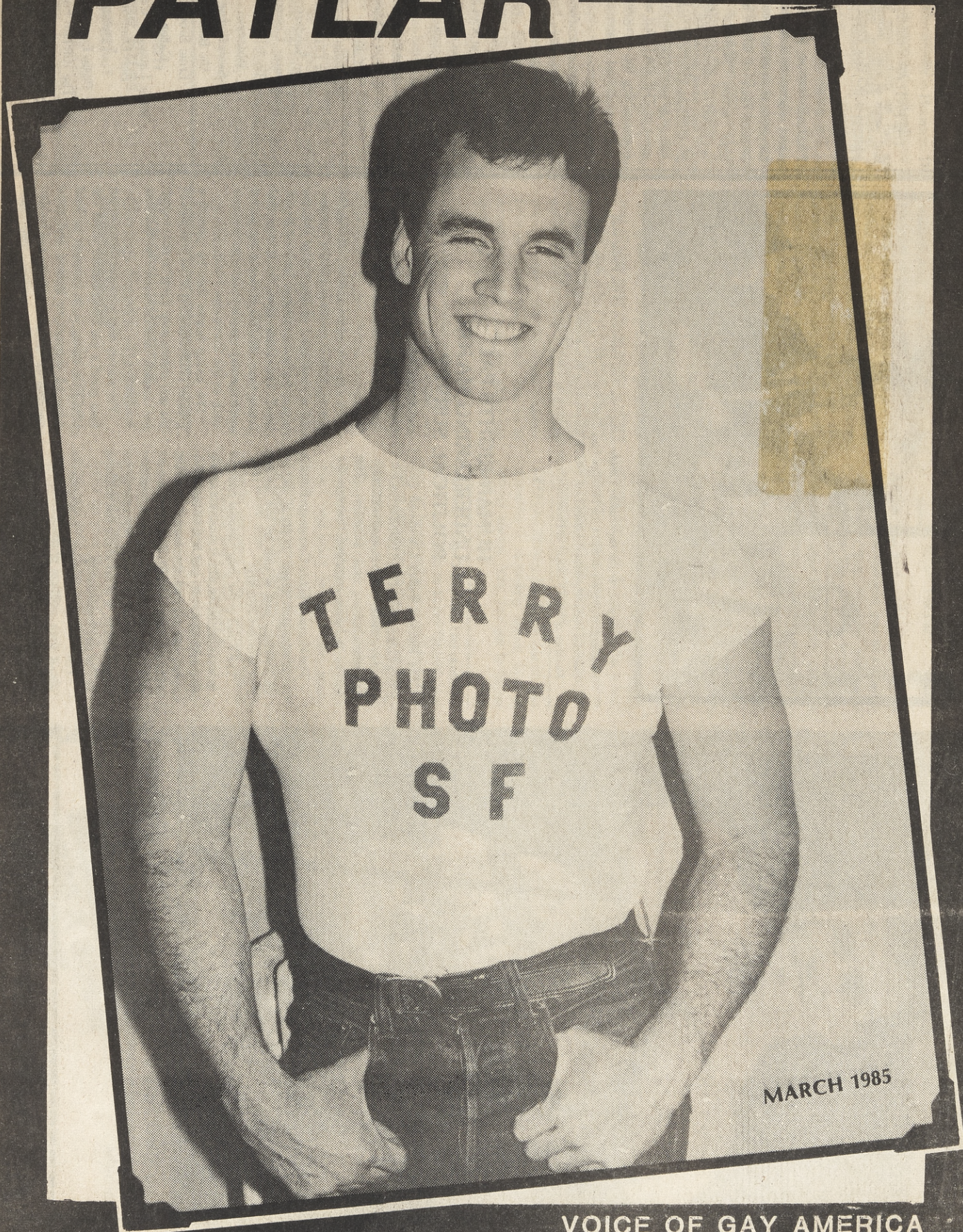

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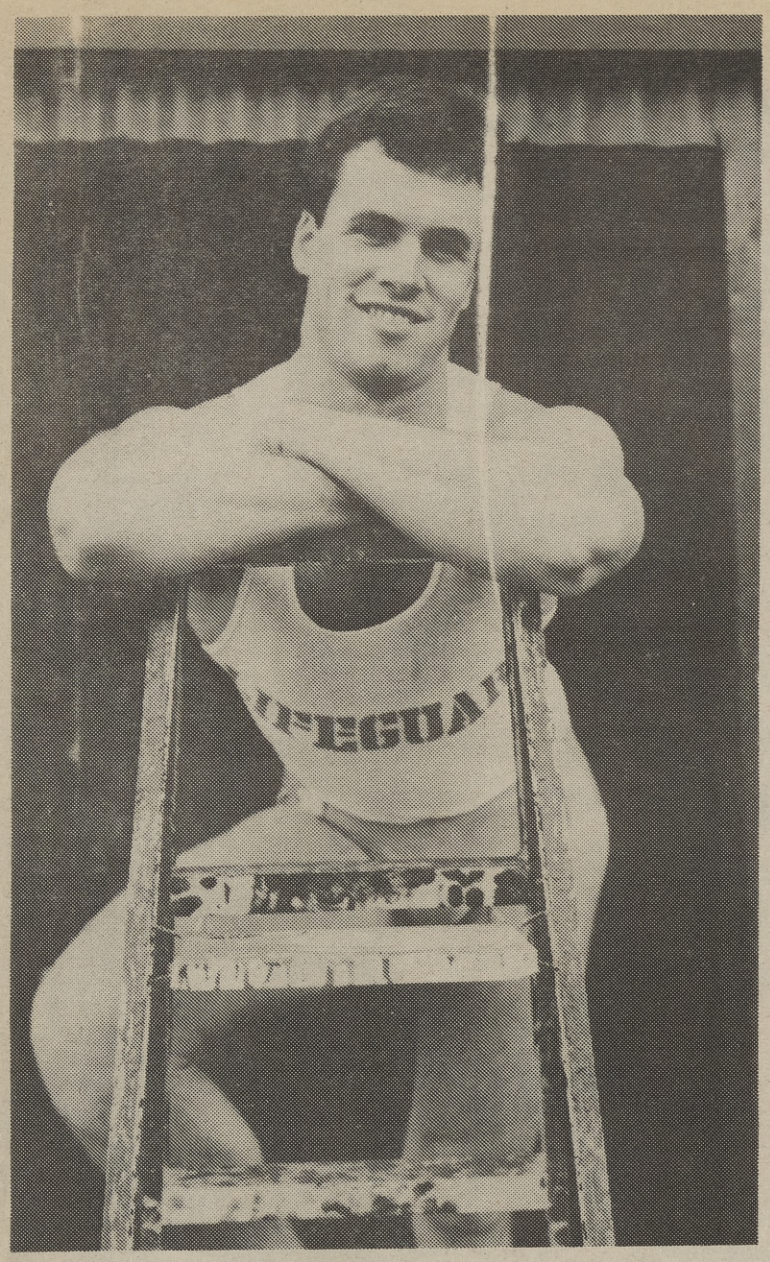

Our March coverperson is Doug. He enjoys lifting weights, swimming and is looking forward to the upcoming summer months.

In Sacramento at the ***Incredible Edible*** restaurant, two members of the Patlar staff meet with representatives of the National Gay Task Force (NGTF). Left to right: Larry Lanham, Patlar Publisher; Jeffrey Levi, NGTF Washington Representative; Peter Fowler, Member of NGTF Board of Directors from Carson City; Patlar Editor, J. Jolliff Weston.

HUMAN RIGHTS PAC UNDERTAKING MAJOR POLITICAL SURVEY

The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) is conducting a nationwide survey of its constituency to assess its political philosophies and priorities. The survey is being compiled through the mail.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund is a Washington-based political action committee, and is one of the largest PACs in the country.

The Fund is the only national political action committee which supports candidates favorable to gay and lesbian civil-rights issues, and the survey is being done to assist the PAC in planning its political agenda for the next election cycle. To be a truly representative organization, it must know the thinking of the gay community.

The survey queries respondents about their political philosophies, their partisan identification, their votes for President, US Senate, and US Representative in the last election, and the primary motivating factors in their selection of a candidate. In addition, the questionnaire seeks to discover how cohesive a "voting block" the gay community might be.

One important piece of information the survey seeks is what percentage of the gay electorate will vote for a candidate primarily based on his or her stand on gay civil rights. It is important both for the organization and for candidates of both parties to know the kind of impact their stand on this issue will have on gay voters.

In a cover letter accompanying the survey, HRCF points out that a "conservative estimate" of the size of the gay population nationwide is "at least 20 million." The letter goes on to say that fewer than 100,000 of those are active participants in gay/lesbian organizations such as the Campaign Fund.

The group hopes that by gaining a greater understanding of the priorities of the gay community it will be able to better inspire homosexuals to become involved.

The survey also asks questions about how good a job contributors think the HRCF is doing in its mission to lend financial support to federal and state candidates who support gay and lesbian rights. And the survey also asks respondents to rank eleven separate items on the gay/lesbian political agenda in order of priority. The eleven items include: abolishing immigration restrictions on gays, abolishing sodomy laws, increasing funding for AIDS research and treatment, and other concerns ranging from discrimination in the military, employment, housing, and adoption to legal recognition of the rights of gay couples.

"Gay Voting Habits: Are They Self-Destructive?"

by Vic Basile
(Executive Director,
Human Rights Campaign Fund)

The men and women of the gay community are often viewed by the "straight" world as a homogeneous mass. However, the 1984 elections revealed that gay people don't all vote alike.

Each of us may dispute the stereotyping of our community by observers, but the one characteristic it may be questionable to assume we as a community do share is the tendency to flex our political muscle as a unit on election day.

You're thinking, "What is he talking about? What about the gay voting block in San Francisco? What about the solidarity of the gay community in other cities in the country? What about them? It's true that, at least on a local, municipal level, gay people have been known to stand together when their freedoms are at stake.

But that is by no means a given truth. If it were, there would be a lot more gay civil-rights bills passed by city councils in the United States, and a lot less threatening legislation being enacted into law in some of our largest cities.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund represents the interests of the bay/-lesbian community in federal races. What we have witnessed in congressional, senatorial, and presidential elections for the past four years is an absence of a reliable, consistent coalition of lesbian and gay voters.

A large number of men and women of the gay community might argue that a second Reagan administration will not help the cause of gay civil rights in this country. Many expect to see ground lost as an increasingly conservative federal judiciary decides human-rights cases. Yet a substantial number of these same gay men and women voted for the re-election of President Reagan, while in the same breath acknowledging that their vote may contribute to further repression of our personal liberties.

The same syndrome is evident in races for the House and Senate. In Texas, where the issue of gay civil rights provided some of the most emotional (and disturbing) rhetoric in the campaign between Democrat Lloyd Doggett and Republican Phil Gramm, precinct returns from Dallas and Houston indicate that, while a majority of gays voted for Lloyd Doggett, who supported gay civil rights, an alarming number of us voted for Phil Gramm, who campaigned as being openly homophobic.

Gay people should be proud of the fact that our involvement in all spectra of life, including politics, reflects the diversity of opinion, thought, and preference of a community as eclectic as ours. The fact that no one political party can take our allegiance for granted is a very positive one. But partisanship aside, it is a frightening fact that gays cannot be expected to band together in support of a candidate—of either party—who has espoused a commitment to protectring our rights to live, work, and express our-

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Less than three weeks into this new year, a devastating defeat was suffered by the gay community in Houston. This defeat was, in large part, self-induced. A January 19 referendum on two anti-discrimination measures passed last year by the Houston City Council saw the defeat of those measures by a margin of 82%—18% more than four to one!

Where was the gay community? The estimated number of lesbian and gay men who are registered to vote in that city is 120,000. Yet in 10 predominantly gay precincts, less than 6000 votes were cast in support of the measures. And less than 45,000 votes were cast in support city-wide. In a campaign which was painted by our detractors as a virtual referendum on our civil rights, fewer than one-third of the gay community even bothered to vote.

The same phenomenon has been taking place all over the country for the past several years. And while not all of the votes were on referenda, many of them involved the election of politicians openly opposed to any sort of gay civil-rights protections. The gay communities involved either failed to recognize the threats facing them, or were simply too apathetic to respond.

The result has been a growing opinion by right-wing, anti-gay groups that the gay community is an easy target. They believe we're unwilling to do more than just roll over and play dead when our rights are at stake—we'll even go so far as to vote for candidates who vehemently oppose gay civil rights.

No one is advocating that the millions of gay voters in the United States should get up each election day and respond to every judgment we're asked to make strictly as members of the gay community. We all have minds of our own. Yet as the efforts of the "Moral Majorities" of the world grow increasingly aggressive, sophisticated, and successful, gay people must respond in kind.

Politicians who oppose our basic civil rights must learn that, in the privacy of the voting booth where we can all come out, their candidacies will feel the strength of our votes. And those politicians courageous enough to support us must know that we will reward their courage with our votes.

The issues of the 1980s grow increasingly complex. They are more than economic. They go beyond air and peace. They touch our very lives. The idea that civil-rights battles have passed into history is false. The smug determination of the grown-up baby-boom generation that all they need do as adults is share the spoils of the victories won by their parents threatens each and every one of us. Mainstream America doesn't care enough about human rights anymore to prevent groups like the Moral Majority from advancing their cause. Are we to accept having the same said about gay and lesbian America?

In the coming weeks and months, the Human Rights Campaign Fund will attempt to learn more about the national gay community to determine just what motivates each of us to vote as we do. Our hope is to gain a better understanding of the priorities each of us sets for ourselves. We await the results of that effort with some trepidation. The numbers may reveal that our priorities as gay individuals are self-destructive in as much as they ignore the very protection of our freedom to pursue those priorities.

Gay/Lesbian Marriage Rites Discovered

Dr. John Boswell, a Professor of History at Yale University, recently announced in West Hollywood that he has discovered more than 50 manuscripts of gay/lesbian marriage rites, many of them bound in ancient liturgical manuals.

Boswell's research has found that the gay/lesbian rite of union was not an obscure or illicit liturgical act, but was in very wide use, perhaps as early as the middle of the 5th century, and as late at the 13th. It apparently was in use from as far west as Paris to as far east as Jerusalem. Although some evidence indicates it continued in use to as late as 1940 in one place in Europe, it is certain that what had been an accepted rite to unite two men or two women was eventually proscribed for gays and lesbians, and dropped from late medieval manuscripts.

The rite is called "The Making of Brothers," and the text is filled with many prayers in which the couple being joined dedicate their relationship with the language of "unashamed faithfulness" and "honest love." The rite makes clear that the participants are joining together for the sake of love, not for reasons of biology or property or other causes.

The rite also refers repeatedly to St. Serge and St. Bacchus, two 4th century Christian martyrs, who were soldiers and lovers, to whom many churches throughout Europe have been dedicated. Over the centuries, St. Serge's and St. Bacchus' passionate relationship has not been concealed in many standard works on the lives of the saints.

National Business Group Seeks Award Nominations

The National Association of Business Councils (NABC) is seeking nominations for its 1985 awards to recognize outstanding contributions to the lesbian and gay business and professional community. NABC, the national gay chamber of commerce, represents more than 3,500 businesses and professionals through twenty-one affiliates across the country.

"Nominations for four awards are being solicited," explained Werner Kuhn, NABC President. "President's Awards will recognize both the gay and the non-gay individual or business who have made especially meritorious contributions to the advancement and welfare of our community. For example, in recent years, NABC has recognized both ***Newsweek*** magazine and former NOW President Eleanor Smeal for their work in promoting the understanding and civil rights of gay people."

In addition, an Equal Opportunity Achievement Award will honor the national firm that has done the most to guarantee full and equal employment opportunities for all of its employees, including lesbians and gay men. NABC honored the Miller Brewing Co. of Milwaukee, WI in previous years.

A fourth award, the NABC Meritorious Service Award, will cite the Association affiliate member who, as a business or professional person, has made outstanding contributions to his or her community.

"We are asking for nomintions from the entire community, not just NABC members," explained Kuhn. "Nominations should include the name and address of the nominee, reasons why the individual or business merits an award, and the name, address, and phone number of the person submitting the nomination. Of course, all information will be kept confidential."

Nominations should be submitted to: NABC, PO Box 15145, San Francisco, CA 94115, and must be received by March 31, 1985. Award recipients will be announced at NABC's Fifth Anniversary Meeting scheduled for May 16-19 in Minneapolis, MN.

Delta Airlines Drops Ban On AIDS Patients

Delta Airlines has revoked a regulation that would have banned AIDS patients from its flights. The action came about because the companyt was deluged with protests.

The controversial rule which had been announced only about two weeks earlier read: "The carrier will refuse to transport or will remove at any point, any passenger...who is known to have acquired immune deficiency syndrome."

Delta officials are quoted as having said that they felt AIDS patients posed a danger to other passengers through the use of drinking cups and toilet seats.

Among the groups and people who protested the rule were the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta; Bill Green, the Republican congressman representing Manhattan; and Bruce Decker, head of California Governor George Deukmejian's state task force on AIDS.

HOROSCOPES FOR THE HORNY

by Dr. Pat Larr

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): An unexpected encounter introduces you to someone who can't stop messing with your danger zone. Enjoy it while it lasts.

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20): Get out your magnifying glass! You meet a mysterious stranger who'll try to convince you that less is more. Don't you believe it!

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20): Venus enters your sign mid-month and you're passion's plaything once more. That special someone toys with your affections and more.

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22): It's a bad time for signing important documents (but when isn't it?). By month's end, the handwriting is on the wall.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22): Super Sleuth Leo unearths a surprising secret from a former enemy. Yes, you get to be an undercover dick.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22): Has your lover's sizzle begun to fizzle? Others envy you, so be careful or you could wind up with a long-gone lover.

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22): You're on the right track. Follow your instincts and you could wind up with a pot of gold; don't, and you'll be stuck with a pot belly.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 22): Been hearing some sour notes lately? Maybe that special someone's been singing "***Beat It***." Maybe that's good advice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21): Time for a comeback? Try that special someone you've had your eye on. This time they're sure to say yes.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20): Who lights up your life? Well, isn't it about time you told them so? We're talking mega-watts here!

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 18): You get to wrap your fingers around a big one this time—and we're talking about a Jumbo Size. Just save room for seconds.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20): You have a sudden urge for adventure. Yes, it's time to go looking for love in all the wrong places again.

FAUX PAS

by Edwards E. Kett

Dear Edwards,

I've only been going with my boyfriend for about a year, but it's true love. Even though this one's forever, I have a problem. Whenever my boyfriend and I are introduced to someone hot and new, if I think the guy is a knockout, I like to tell the guy so. (Yes, I'm married, but not dead!) Even though my attitude is "look but don't touch," I feel tacky complimenting other guys in front of my man. Should I feel tacky?

Sincerely,
Zane

Dear Zane,

Don't feel tacky unless he—your man—wants you to. Everyone can use a few good strokes; but in your case, I'd worry about the size of your boyfriend's temper.

Dear Mr. Kett,

I realize that it's rude to drop in on people unannounced, but what if you're in the mood and you've got someone special in mind for a quickie? I don't suppose you expect me to send out engraved announcements first?

Ever,
Sam

Dear Sam,

Let's just say: As long as you ring their bell first, you're on firm ground.

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Grandfather's Cupboard

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(Note: This column is dedicated to acquainting its readers with the contents of our grandfathers' cupboards: the old-time foods, herbs, and exercises which our ancestors used to keep themselvese in good health.)

Eight Pieces of Brocade
(Made in China)

These eight pieces of brocade are for regenerating health, not for hanging on the walls. They are also not really a part of ancient Chinese medicine since they were devised about 500 years ago, not 5000. That makes them fairly modern.

These eight pieces are exercises coming out of the martial arts and yoga traditions of China. The purpose is to stir up and transmute the energies of a sick body to help it get well again. The exercises are simple, direct, and easy to do, as you would wish them to be if you were sick. They are best done sitting on the floor cross-legged, but can be done from a chair. I did them for 100 days; and even though I was not sick, the doing of them opened a new era of health in my life.

So it isn't necessary to be sick to do the Eight Pieces, but the results are bound to be more noticeable on sick people. When a person has a chronic, long-term ailment, noticeable results should begin happening within a couple of weeks. And if well people do them, I would not be surprised to hear that they had raised their kundalini a notch or two.

So let's get into it. Take off your metal jewelry and get naked. Sit facing the east, either cross-legged on the floor or on an armless chair. To get the Chi energy moving, rub your hands together briskly or rub them on your thighs vigorously.

First Piece

Place the left palm over the belly just below the bellybutton and the right palm directly over the left palm. Slide your hands to the left, then all the way to the right and back to center. Rub back and forth 36 times. Stop at the center and hold your hands still for a minute, and you might feel tingles in some part of your body as the Chi settles into a new location.

Second Piece

Keep the left hand on your lower belly and reach your right hand around back placing the palm over the bony part of your pelvis with the fingers pointing down. Rub your right palm in circles leftward across the upper buttocks, down the left side, rightward across the bottom of the pelvis, up the right side, leftwards across the top of the pelvis, down the left side again and around in small circles 36 times. At the end stop moving your hands and let the Chi settle in.

Third Piece

Place the palms of both hands on the back as high under the ribs as you can manage. Rub towards the spine, down the center along the spine to the top of the pelvic bone, outwards along the top of the pelvis towards the sides, upwards along the back to the bottom of the ribs, and inwards to the spine again, then down towards the top of the pelvis, round and round until you have made 36 small circles. Stop and let the energy settle.

Fourth Piece

This one has two parts and is called "Pounding the Celestial Drum."

Part One. Put your palms over your ears lightly with the index and middle fingertips at the base of the skull just below the occipital bump there. Then stiffen the index finger, put the middle finger on top of it and snap the middle finger off the index and onto the skull. This makes a "thump" in the ears like the sound of a drum. Thump yourself 36 times.

Part Two. Leave the palms over the ears and the fingers at the base of the skull and clang your teeth together thirty-six times. (Rumor has it that this can cause a third set of teeth to come in!) Rest your hands a minute and give your ears a chance to come back to normal.

Fifth Piece

Raise your right hand up over the crown of your head, palm downward. Move your hand up and down with an oval motion about 3 inches high. Do it thirty-six times before resting. This is called "Priming the Celestial Pump," and it raises the Yang Chi up the Thrusting Channel. What to do with your left hand during this Piece? Sometimes I sit with my left hand under my groin. It's a gesture of comfort and reassurance and stimulates the yin end of the Thrusting Channel.

Sixth Piece

Close your mouth and put the tip of the tongue against the teeth and make small clockwise circles with your tongue tip against the teeth and gums. At the same time rotate your eyeballs together with your tongue and as far around as your eyes can move. Coordination is really tricky here for those of us who wear glasses. This one is called "Stirring the Sea of Marrow," which is Chinese for smoothing out your brain waves. This is supposed to be a good one for those of us with glasses or contacts. Maybe you should remove your contacts first; they might decide to fly out and away.

Seventh Piece

Swish the saliva around all the recesses of your mouth: under your tongue, outside the teeth, at the root of your tongue, and everywhere else. This helps the tongue get strong. Don't swallow the saliva yet.

At the end, swallow the saliva in three gulps. Really get into swallowing. Like a pelican, stretch your neck up and gulp as if you were swallowing something precious. Divide the saliva up into three good gulps.

This exercise scrubs the mouth out, stimulates the flow of saliva, scrubs the tongue, and exercises all those important muscles at the back of the throat. Need I say more?

Eighth Piece

Put the right foot over the left kneee. Grab the right toes with the left hand and rotate the foot and ankle nine times clockwise and then nine times counterclockwise. Then put your left hand palm on your right foot palm and your right hand palm over your right knee and rub thirty-six circles in one direction with both hands, then thirty-six circles in the other direction.

Stop and feel the tingle in your feet. The Chi is excited about its new home.

Then uncross your right leg and put your left foot over the right knee and do the same number on the left foot.

That's all there is to it. Once you get the motions and sequence learned, it takes about twenty minutes.

The best time to do this is the very first thing in the morning before anything else. These exercises are intense. Don't eat for a half hour, not even coffee before or after, and no sex for two hours before or after. And the Chinese specifically warn against doing the Eight Pieces during thunderstorms or eclipses or earthquakes.

Eight Pieces of Brocade was designed to be done for 100 days continuously for maximum benefits. If you let a day slip away, start over again at day one. It's good discipline and worth the time.

Currently I'm doing a different set of medical exercises called Pa Tuan Chin for 100 days just for the experience. After doing each one of this series of eight, I experience lots of gooseflesh and tingles. Maybe Buddha will speak to me before I finish the 100 days.

Poets' Corner

ON BEING WITH RICHARD
by Sean Bailey
(Coralville, Iowa)

We share a moment
Of a sunny winter afternoon,
Wind blowing delicate crystal sprinkles
Across the balcony beyond the potted
plants,
Tracing shifting shadows along the floor.
Lazy, you and I
Sprawl across your sofa
And each other,
Warm together in the quiet,
Even gentle breathing softly
synchronized
And the twin smoke-threads
From our cigarettes
Curl senuously together,
Intertwining.
Your cheek against the dark hairs on my
chest,
I trace the beard growth of your jawline,
The way your moustache grows,
The lines and creases leading to your
eyes
And sigh content,
Overflowing
With a warm golden glow
Of the afternoon and you.

I CRIED
by Callen
(Reno, Nevada)

Today I cried for India,
all the hurt and pain.
Each day I pray for Ethiopia
to have a drop of rain.
I don't know why man hates so much
or loves to hurt each other,
Then turns around and seems to care,
and calls each other brother.
If only man could wake up,
and see that different doesn't matter
For hypocrisy and prejudice will
only make God sadder.
Tomorrow I will pray again,
I know what God will say,
As long as I reach out and love,
it matters not I'm Gay.

MURPHY'S MANOR

by Kurt Erichsen

My name is Murphy Robinson, and this is the living room of Murphy's Manor. The house was built in 1914, and has been restored right down to the mahogany woodwork and stained glass windows.
The cake normally isn't here.
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Happy Anniversary, Murf!
And this is Mark Varady, a Grad student in engineering. He's also my lover.
He doesn't live here, but he does hang around a lot.
A jug of wine, a piece of cake, and thou...
Come on in, Murf, and I'll give you an anniversary present you'll never forget!
If I'm not out in three days, come in and get me!

THE KITCHEN FAIRY

Coming In
(Like A Lion!)
Going Out
(Like A Lion!)

March blows, my dears! It comes in like a lion (oooh, how butch!), but rarely exists as sheepishly as one would hope. Wind, cold, rain, snow (not to mention the ides!). Quelle gloom! We fairies are virtually saved by St. Patrick's Day—when Michael fits Patrick and Patrick fits Michael, and eveyone is right from the old sodomy! When green jockeys are de rigueur. When people pretend I'm the Blarney Stone and kiss it! No—nothing quite takes the roar out of March like a shot of some Irish—and the wishkey positively warms the cockles (almost better than a good beating with a shillelagh!)

So, to help you get your shamrocks off, here's a dinner that will curl your wild Irish toes. Something warm and satisfying (hmmm). Something wildly Irish. Something that invites the lamb into March. (Sheep are so adorable!) Sure'n be gay here's:

Champagne to celebrate
(The Irish always celebrate)
Hot Irish Stew
(Lamb Stew)
Rosie's Wine
(In France—Rose)
Tossed Green Salad
(Very Irish)
Crusty Bread
Oh, Danny Boy!
(Lemon Pudding Cake)
Sure'n Be Gay Coffee
(Irish Coffee)

HOT IRISH STEW
(Serves 4)

Was Stu Irish? Is the Pope Catholic? My dears, this shepherd boy chased sheep all over the hills of Ireland—and must have caught a few because he could knit just beautifully! As this recipe shows, Stu could also cook. The Irish can do anything (and often do!). Erin go baaa!

Preparation Time:
30 minutes
Cooking Time:
2-2½ hours
Ingredients:

2 pounds of spuds, peeled and very thinly slided (Food processors can be wonderful!)
Salt and pepper (So many couples, these days!)
2/3 pound onion, peeled and very thinly sliced
2 pounds stewing lamb, cubed
2-2½ cups beef broth (moo juice!)

Preparation:

1. Take 1/3 of the spuds and line the bottom of a heavy, enameled pot or flame-proof (how rude!) casserole. Layer half the onions and twinkle with salt and pepper. Grab half your lamb and lay it on.
2. Repeat—ending with a layer of spuds. (Spuds for studs! No wonder the Irish serve so many!)
3. Pour on the broth, and bring it quickly to a boil.
4. Skim off any nasty froth from the surface. Cover tightly and simmer till your lamb is tender. (It shouldn't baaa when you poke it!) 2 to 2½ hours should do the trick and give you time to do likewise!

OH, DANNY BOY! PUDDING
(Serves 4)

When Johnny comes marching home, this is what Danny boy served him! The perfect climax to an Irish meal!

Preparation Time:
25 minutes
Baking Time:
50 minutes
Ingredients:

½ stick (¼ cup) butter, softened
3/4 cup white sugar
3 large eggs, separated
1/3 cup lemon juice
1/3 cup flour
1 Tablespoon grated lemon peel
¼ teaspoon salt
1½ cups milk
A pinch (oooh) of cream of tartar
A pinch (oooh, again!) of salt
Confectioners sugar

Preparation:

1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees and butter a 1½ quart glass souffle dish.
2. With an electric mixer (or using those big, strong arms of yours) cream the butter and sugar together in a large bowl.
3. Beat in the 3 egg yolks, beating well after each addition.
4. Beat in the lemon juice, flour, lemon peel, and ¼ teaspoon of salt. Beat thoroughly.
5. Beating (ever beating) add the milk in a stream. Mix it up real well, doll.
6. In a separate bowl, whip the 3 egg whites with the 2 pinches (one of salt and one of cream of tartar) until they are still, but not dry. (Ooooh, love it!)
7. Stir ¼ of the egg whites into the lemon batter to lighten it. Fold in the remaining egg whites, gently but thoroughly.
8. Pour the mixture into the buttered souffle dish.
9. Set the dish in a deep baking dish and pour in enough boiling water to reach halfway up the sides of the souffle dish.
10. Bake for 50 minutes, until it puffs up and is as golden as a California hustler in the summertime!
11. Remove from the water, toute suite (immediately, mon cher). Cool to room temperature. Sift confectioners sugar over the top.

To Serve: The top of the dessert is cake-like. The bottom is a custard-like sauce. Serve the sauce over the cake in dessert dishes.

Have a roaringly good March, dears. And don't miss next month's column: "In your Easter bonnet: Brunch before the Parade." Till next we eat, yummy down and kiss kiss....

The Kitchen Fairy

For The Record and More...

by Michael J. Maier

L.A. IS MY LADY
FRANK SINATRA
Produced by:
Quincy Jones
QUEST

Frank Sinatra has long been acclaimed as the world's leading performer of popular music, the artist who sets the role for others to fill. During his career, he has acquired such famous nicknames as the Chairman Of The Board, the Voice, the Greatest Roman Of Them All, and, of course, as virtually the entire world knows him, Ol' Blue Eyes.

But, a question comes to mind. Are those eyes of blue starting to dim? In answer, they don't seem to be shinning as bright as in the days of old if his current album is to be judged as a factor.

Sinatra's latest album, L.A. Is My Lady, produced by Quincy Jones, has received rave critical review, so my dissenting remarks will be clearly in the minus, but it is not my intention to discredit this album, for it is a masterpiece.

As all critics have pointed out, which I will reiterate, the most terrific points of the LP are Jone's production—who also conducts the all-star orchestra, which turns out a fine-tuned performance containing such biggies as George Benson, Lionel Hampton, the Brecker Brothers, Urbie Green, and Frank Foster; the top-notch arrangements, mostly by Sam Nestico on "Stormy Weather," Joe Parnello on "The Best Of Everything," and Frank Foster with his snappy "Mack The Knife." All the makings of an overly superb album, which is basically achieved except for one small item, Sinatra's voice (which stopped me from giving this LP a top 5 rating).

This album is an indication of the diminishing vocal strength of Sinatra; his voice is no longer full of bounce and body. He is unable to hold notes in the way for which he was once known. Much of his spunk that was so evident in the days of old is now missing.

Sinatra's voice falters and creaks on "Teach Me Tonight" and "Mack The Knife." It sinks banousicly on "Stormy Weather" and "How Do You Keep The Music Playing?" All lending to a painful listening experience at first if you remember the Sinatra of old.

Outside of this criticism, L.A. Is My Lady seems to out pace these downfalls all the way to make this a wonder and joy to listen to the second time around.

Mr. Sinatra rises above his shortcomings, making them seem somewhat a part of the production. He becomes a positive factor which seems to come naturally even if Quincy Jones were not present; something that such performers as Michael Jackson and Donna Summer lose without the production of Jones.

The album's title track, written by Alan & Marilyn Bergman and Quincy Jones, is one-dimensional and trite. Comparing L.A. to a beloved lady, which leaves you knowing nothing about the city. The best of all city anthems leaves you at least aware of its most intriguing aspects.

Even outside the vocal flaws, this album has all the markings of a classic recording. I recommend this LP highly to everyone.

Listen and enjoy every minute which this album offers and to the art form which it preserves, one that is dying as time goes on, the popular American standards.

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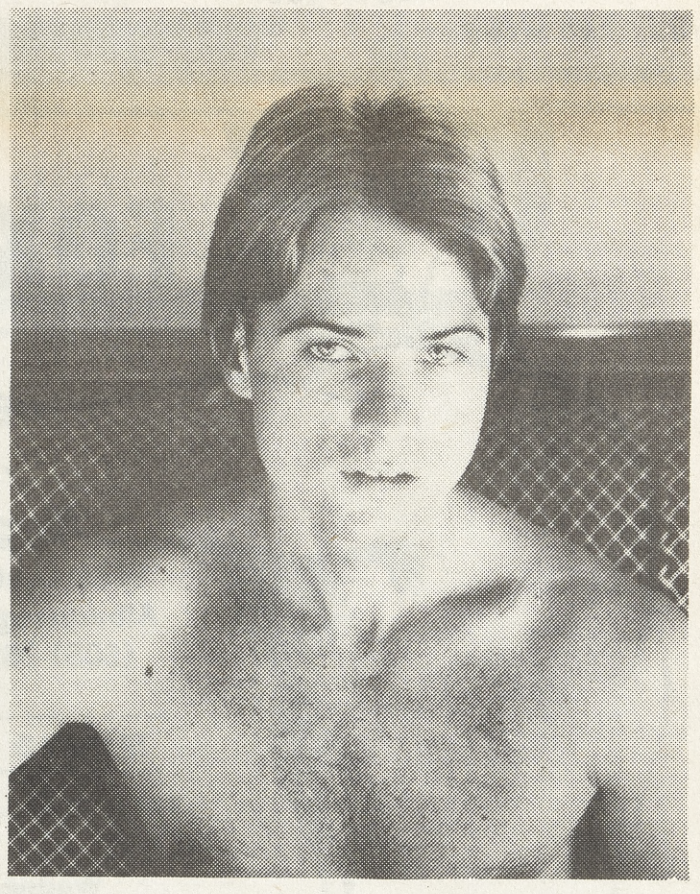

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Listening To Lavender

by Mme. Lavender Cantello

Dear Mrs. Cantello,

I'm crying my eyes out. You see, I live modestly, but tastefully. I would rather do without in order to have only things in the best of taste. No everyone, I realize, is so lucky as to recognize what is and what is in not in good taste.

My unfurnished apartment is tiny. I saved for months for the beautiful purple tufted-velveteen, gold-fringed sofa that I recently purchased. Since it did wonders for my living/sitting/dining/sewing/-sleeping room, I gave a formal dinner party (crystal with ancestral sterling!) to show it off. Everyone came dressed to the nines at my request; one guy even wore a tuxedo.

Well, right in the middle of dinner (just after the fish course, to be exact), my Siamese cat, Rosina, climbed up on my new sofa and took a humongous dump. Not only did all eleven of my dinner guests get up en masse and flee, but my gorgeous new sofa is ruined; there's no way I can seem to get either the spot or the smell out.

Don't you think that I have a right to be hurt by my guests' rude behavior? And why do you suppose Rosina misbehaved like she did? She's always been such a well-behaved pussy!

Frankie
(El Paso del Norte)

Frankie,

Rosina's space was violated by your crowd, and what better way to express her displeasure than with a dump on the divan! There's also the remote possibility that she was making feline statement about your "good taste" in furniture. Frankie, always bear in mind that "good taste" is variable; it is never an absolute. What may seem to you to be "good taste" may seem to someone else equally intelligent and sensitive to be in absolutely vile taste.

Of course, your guests are a different matter. Their rudeness was deplorable. You should dump them for a new set of friends, hopefully people who like you have good taste; in my book, manners are a part of "good taste."

And next time you buy a new sofa, be it colorful or drab, Scotchguard® **it first thing.**

Dear Lavender,

A hard cock not measuring 13¼ inches minimum is of absolutely no interest to me, no matter to whom it may be attached. Why? Because over the years (I'm fifty years old and have been examining hard cocks at close range since I was eleven), I've learned a few truisms: Guys whose cocks when hard measure 13¼ inches minimum (my personal definition of "adequate") are always the nicest, the most intelligent, the gentlest, the best educated, the wittiest, the kindest, the suavest, the most masculine, the most with-it, the best smelling, the most perceptive, and the best dressed. Show me a man with an "adequate" hard cock and I'll show you a winner—a doer, a shaker, and a mover. Show me a man with an "inadequate" hard cock and I'll show you a wimp—nothing but a little prick. Life indeed can be cruel; but then, Mother Nature undoubtedly has her Grand Design.

Before you start to preach and puff, let me set you straight about three things:

1. Yes, I do indeed measure with a ruler to make sure the dimension is adequate; I'll spare you the clinical details. If a dude fails to measure up, I offer him a cup of tea and reject him as kindly as I can; if he gets offended, well, that's his problem. It's sometimes a touchy moment, I'll admit, especially with those guys who come close, like say 13⅛ inches. But a miss is as good as a mile.

2. Yes, I know and have heard ad nauseum the old banal adages like: It's not the meat, it's the motion; and it's not what a guy has, it's what a guy does that counts. You probably know several other versions. Well, they're all nonsense. If a rose is a rose is a rose, then a lack is a lack is a lack.

3. Yes, my own hard cock is more than "adequate." In fact, when I jack off, I insert the head of my cock—which curves concave for convenience—into my navel. This is a common practice among men who are "adequately" endowed.

Never fear, Lavender, there are lots of guys out there who have peters to meet my specs. I meet, on the average, two a month, and I never go to bed twice with the same man—"adequately" endowed gents seldom do. My problem, however, is that twice a month isn't nearly enough to satisfy my sexual urges.

Do you happen to know of any organization which caters to men of "adequate" endowment? If so, please put me in touch. And if not, how would you suggest I go about establishing such an organization? I have a feeling that there must be many more men out there who want to meet me and others like me.

Alexander
(Santa Fe)

Dear Alexander,

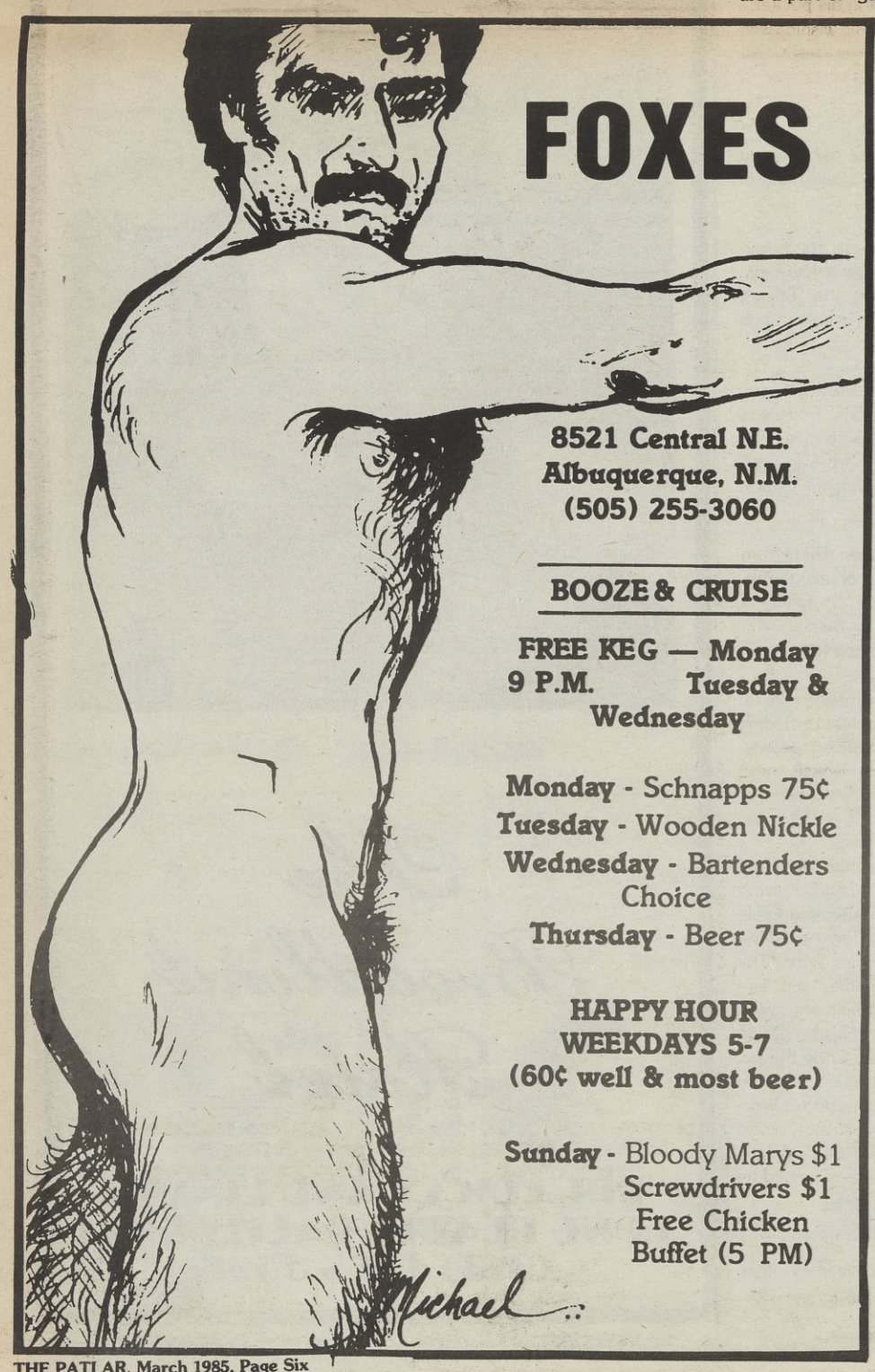
Thank you for your educational missive. I must admit that I've often wondered about size queens. Now I no longer have to wonder; I know more about them than I ever really wanted or needed to know. But knowing more than necessary about something is certainly better than not knowing enough about that something.

I've never heard of a special organization for size queens. But that certainly doesn't mean one doesn't exist. If I do hear of one, I'll let you know. In fact, after this column appears in print, I wouldn't be at all surprised to receive letters from such organizations from all over the country.

As to forming such an organization, why don't you try placing a series of provocative personal ads in this newspaper. It pays to advertise, to quote a banal old adage which isn't nonsense.

Dear Madame Cantello,

For Christmas I gave Ralph, my lover, a new cock ring. His old one was passe; the new one is fashionable. Made of sterling silver, it represents a male rattlesnake posed in a double coil, with



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marvelous scales and a miniature rattle. We named him "Butch."

Butch's rhinestone eyes don't match; the left one is deep red and the right one deep green. I've promised Ralph that for our tenth anniversary, which is only nine and a half years away, I'll replace Butch's left eye with a ruby, the right one with an emerald.

My problem is that recently when Ralph flew to Miami to visit his greatgodmother, he was wearing Butch. Naturally the metal detector security device at the airport started buzzing like a live rattlesnake when he walked through. Ralph tried to explain to the security guard what was causing the uproar; but he couldn't convince the oaf. So the two of them went into a private room where he, Ralph, was supposed to undress for a thorough search.

Lavender, Ralph and that security guard didn't come out of that room for twenty-five minutes. It usually takes Ralph only about thirty seconds to whip "it" out to show of Butch, in all his glory, to whomever. Ralph insists that they weren't doing anything special and that the guard didn't know anything about cock rings and was very impressed and asked a lot of questions which took a lot of time to answer. But, Madame Cantello, I somehow don't believe it was Butch that that guard was impressed with. And I'm thinking seriously of killing myself if Ralph ends up leaving me for that security guard whom I bet is no better than he has a right to be.

How would you suggest that I handle this depressing situation?

Jerome
(Rome, NY)

Jerome,

Haven't you yet grappled with gay vanity in your all too brief affair? Honey, as long as Butch coils around Ralph's wondrous tool you'll be wondering whose lips have been there too. And when you take the time to worry and stew, you take away the time meant for Ralph and you.

It's been my experience that a man will do what a man will do—no matter. If Butch gets Ralph the attention he wants, then get used to it. If Ralph says the security guard detained him, leave it at that. Don't press it—or you won't be pressing Ralph against your eager body for the next 9½ years.

Dear Lavender,

Three year ago when Mom died, I was the only one left to go through her things. And when I did, I discovered that I was adopted and that I was born a twin.

For over two years, I looked high and low for my twin. Don't ask me why, but I felt compelled to do so. I'll spare you the details, but I finally did succeed in locating my identical twin brother living only about ten miles from my house. Naturally I insisted that we start seeing a lot of each other to try to make up for 27 lost years.

To make a long, sad story short, I now hate and despise my identical twin brother. He moved in with me—I should say with "us"—and from that moment everything went down hill for me. It all ended up with my twin brother stealing my lover. "They" moved out, declared that they had been "created" for each other, and stopped having anything to do with me. And what's even worse, all of my friends have sided with them. I'm left friendless and almost penniless—because it took a lot of cash to trace that long-lost twin brother. And the cash that was spent on the search was all mine, none of his.

What would you do if you were I?

Reynald
(St. Louis)

Reynald

I'd move to Vermont where the sap flows more freely than anywhere else. You gets what you pays for in this life.

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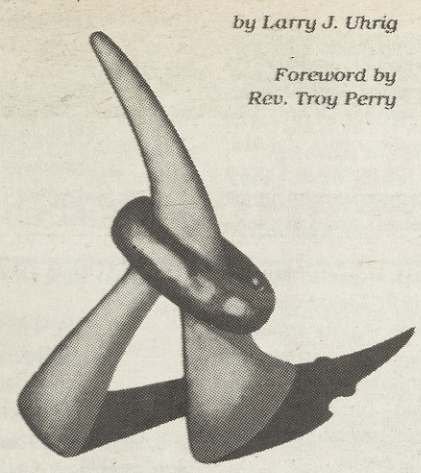
The Two of Us

Affirming, Celebrating and Symbolizing Gay and Lesbian Relationships

by Larry J. Uhrig

Foreword by Rev. Troy Perry



The Two Of Us, Larry J. Uhrig, Boston: Alyson Publications, 140 pp. $6.95 paperback.

Reviewed by Jay Harrison

Yet another "relating" book, the latest—and one might fervently hope the last—in the deluge under which good sense, to say nothing of good writing, has drowned over the past decade.

Beginning with a fervid introduction by the Rev. Troy D. Perry, replete with cliches and prosaic observations, ***The Two Of Us***, as if taking both its diction and its tone from Perry, limps from one commonplace to another, the whole glossed by a patina of unctious but tepid concern.

Mr. Uhrig, also a minister, begins by saying "I had to write this book." Immediately, one asks "Why?" Why write another vague, inconclusive treatise, unrelieved by either wisdom or wit? While one may admire Mr. Uhrig's desire to help others lead happy lives in tandem with another (called a "successful relationship" in the jargon), one wishes he had restrained his ardor for the written solution. Uhrig may be an experienced preacher and counselor, but based on his banal—and often ungrammatical—prose, he is a living example of the chasm between episode and insight. To say nothing of the abyss between tedious language and style.

The book purports to affirm, celebrate, and symbolize gay and lesbian relationships. There's nothing wrong with that. In fact, there is a potentially interesting idea to be pursued (Uhrig is not up to the task) regarding the gay or lesbian person's need to celebrate his/-her "relationship" in somewhat the standard way straights always have, with a marriage, sanctified by—if not a civil endorsement—a religious one.

Instead of marriage in the ordinary sense, which is not allowed by law, Mr. Uhrig writes of something called Holy Union and Rites of Blessing. And that "Gay men and women of faith embody hope for all people, as we represent the union of sexuality and spiritualityl." Say what?

Alas, the book is stuffed with such non-sequitors. Any hope for a rational, or invigorative, discussion of celebration and vital life, of the psychology of love, even of religion, sinks into the mud. What is intended to be ceremonial becomes merely dreary.

Because certainly his intentions must be kind, it is regrettable that one can find nothing to commend in Larry Uhrig's book.

FANTASY CAPSULE

by Mark M. Forston

Summer 1941. Days were long with nothing much to do. For boys, there was time to run through the hills and play in the woods all day. Summer was like that in the Tennessee hills. Oak trees stretched as far as the eye could see. Like great umbrellas, they seemed especially made for boys to escape the hot summer sun, a place to seek solice and dream.

Barry was fifteen that year. At 15, you were a young man, the world was your oyster. Sure you had to be home by dinner time, but there were places to go, secret places that only a boy knew about. Barry had brothers, but often he just spent most of his time to himself, playing out his youthful fantasies.

One day, when Barry was off on one of his adventures, he came upon an old deserted farm house. While searching through the debris left by the long-departed tenants, he uncovered something. In a pile of junk, scattered about the floor, he found a photograph. He picked it up and carefully examined it. It was a picture of a young man, the identical image of the one he carried in his brain. It was his fantasy, his dream. He clutched the photo to his heart. A fever rushed through his mind. "Could it be possible?" he thought. "Could dreams come true?"

Suddenly something else caught his eye; there on the floor was a bright copper penny. It seemed to call out to him. "Pick me up," it cried. He scooped up the penny and put it in his pocket.

Now he thought of the old wishing well and it burned in his mind like a fever. Old people spoke of the well and its magical powers to grant wishes. In the past, Barry had thrown coins into the well, making idle wishes that never came true. But now he had a real reason to wish for something.

Barry ran from the old farm house like a hound dog unleashed on a possum hunt. He ran so fast that he thought his heart would burst. Arriving at the old well full of wild anticipation, he thought: "Please let it be true." He withdrew the penny from his pocket, made a wish, and tossed the coin into the well. It seemed to make a big splash as it hit the water. Ripples radiated out from the center like the great rings of Saturn. A sort of mist filled the air around him. He opened his eyes; there had been a change; there was a presence about that had not been there before.

Suddenly he heard a soft and gentle voice call out to him. He turned and just a few feet away was a young man, the one in the picture. Barry pinched himself to see if this was real. It was.

The remainder of that day was spent in a magic world. Barry and Jason swam together at the old swimming hole, touching each other and frolicking. They lay together in the tall cool grass afterward, making love. At the end of the day, Jason would return to the well.

For several summers, the magic played on. One day Jason never came again. To this day, Barry still visits the spot where the old well once was. The well is long gone, but Barry still dreams of those summers so long ago.

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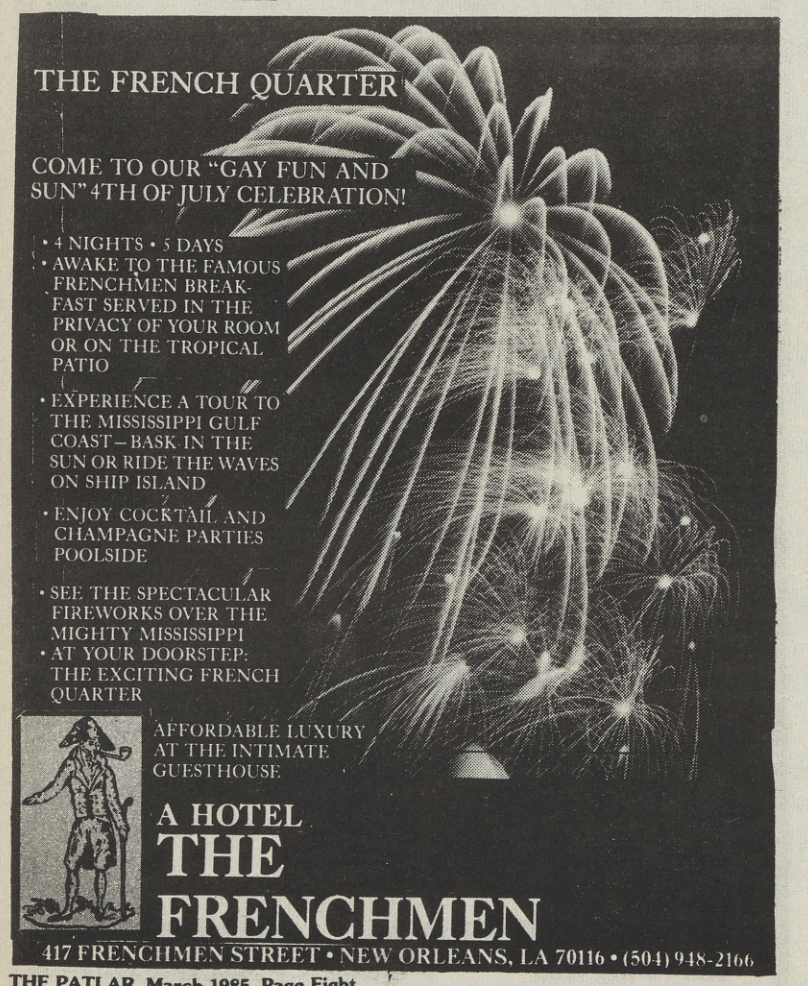
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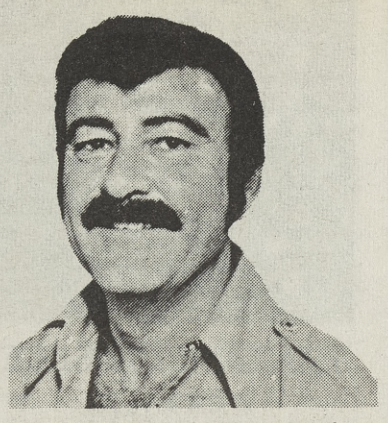

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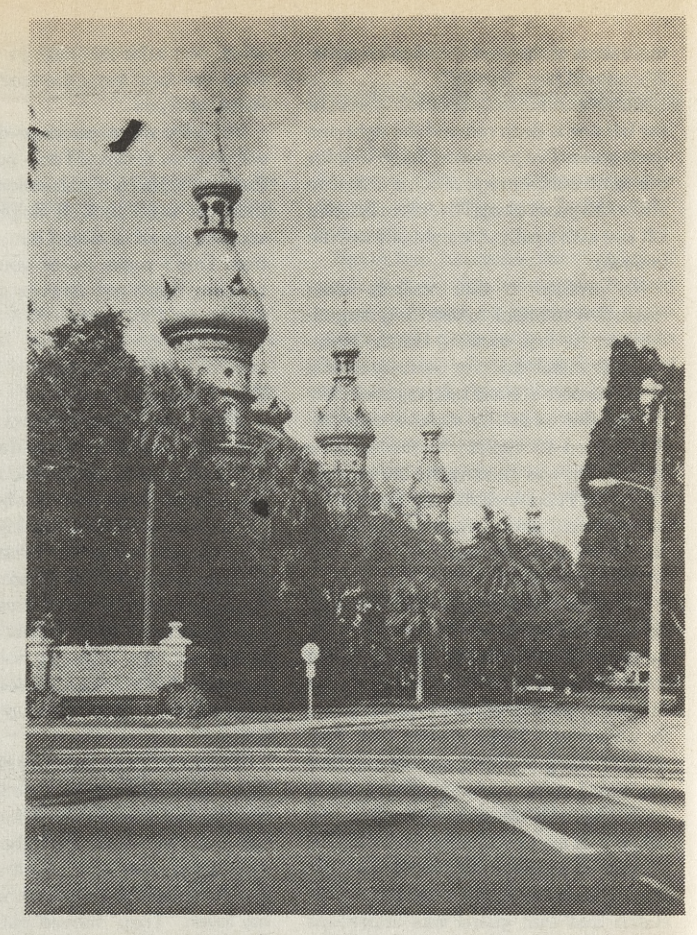

Tampa Bay

The "Sun Coast" of western Florida may not have the glamorous reputation of the state's fabled "Gold Coast," but it can be every bit as rewarding. The major cities surrounding Tampa Bay, a large natural harbor on the Gulf of Mexico, are Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Clearwater. Fast growing, heterogenous Tampa has long contrasted with its more sedate sister cities across the bay.

Tampa with a population of 300,000 is a composite of a picturesque vacationland and a booming industrial center. In the past couple of years, more than $800 million in new construction has dramatically changed Tampa's skyline.

Warring Indians, pirates, slave traders, frontiersmen, and land speculators have played major roles in molding the colorful history of Tampa Bay. In the early 1500s, noted explorer Ponce de Leon was looking for the fountain of youth when he found Tampa Bay instead. Unfortunately, hostile Indians found him, and he was killed trying to plant the Spanish flag on Florida soil.

Every February, history is relived during the Gasparilla Festival, a week-long celebration commemorating the notorious rogue and pirate, Jose Gaspar. Local residents go all out to stage a mock pirate "invasion" of Tampa.

Florida's "Treasure City" has more than fifteen gay bars, most of which are open until 3:00 AM. Baxter's at 714 S. Dale Mabry features good piano entertainment and is nearly always packed with good-looking, young business types. The big men's disco is the Old Plantation at 1725 W. Kennedy. Besides the typically plastic dance floor in front, the "O.P." has a quiet Key-West-like cruise bar in back. On a recent Sunday night, Rene's Disco at 2605 W. Kennedy was really hurting; however, they have bounced back before.

B.J.'s at 4427 W. Kennedy is the favorite disco for Tampa's foxy young women. El Goya, in Ybor City, is a show bar, most popular on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday nights. The Club 2606 at 2606 N. Armenia is the best leather bar in the area. Some levi and leather guys also frequent the Officers Club, a small disco at 1204 N. Franklin. The Carousel at 1806 W. Platt is hustler heaven. The C.B.C.'s Club Tampa at 215 N. 11th St. is the only bath around. The Bridge at 5519 N. Hillsborough is an after-hours club.

Two bridges separate Tampa from St. Petersburg. After Tampa, St. Pete is the fourth largest city in Florida with a population of 250,000. It has a reputtion for being one of America's largest retirement communities; and the city where the sun always shines does provide many special facilities for its citizens. The bar scene is lively enough, with The Club at 1113 Central being the busiest disco. The Lighted Tree at 109 8th Ave. in Pass-a-Grille Beach is a fun beach bar with an adjoining guest house. The Engine Room at 1020 S. 4th St. has been around a long time, and attracts both men and women.

Clearwater is an all-year beach resort of 75,000 inhabitants, reached by the Courtney Campbell Causeway. The only gay bar currently is Pro Shop, not worth a special trip. But Dallape's Lounge in nearby Dunedin is picking up nicely.

The few gay-oriented restaurants in the area are nothing to write home about, but Tampa Bay has some good straight places, including Bern's Steak House, Cafe de Paris, John David's, Mama Mia's, Malio's, Marty's and the Verendah. Tampa has great Spanish-Cuban restaurants like the Columbia in Ybor City and Casa Sevilla. The Kapock Tree in Clearwater is a gigantic tourist attraction. Their gardens are fabulous, but the food is better at Baumgartner's or Siple's Garden Seat. In St. Pete, try Rolland & Pierre's or the elegant King Charles.

Top hotels iclude the new Lincoln, Host International, and Hyatt Regency Tampa. For years I have stayed at the Ramada Inn—Airport, conveniently located, but you do need a car in Tampa.

One of Florida's top tourist attractions is Busch Garden's "Dark Continent" in Tampa. A must for me is Ybor City—The Latin Quarter. This city-within-a-city was founded by Cuban cigar makers in the 1800s, and the architectural style of its red-tile roofs, wrought-iron balconies, and Spanish-speaking shops is genuinely unique.

The University of Tampa is also interesting because its administration building, Plant Hall, an exotic Spanish Victorian hybrid, was originally built by railroad tycoon Henry B. Plant as the plush Tampa Bay Hotel way back in the gay nineties.

Other points of interest include scenic Bayshore Drive, cruisy Lowry Park, De Soto National Memorial, and Florida's Sunken Gardens. Besides all the usual sea-sports, the region offers Jai-Alai, greyhound racing, the ponies at Tampa Bay Downs, and Tampa Stadium, home of the NFL Buccaneers and last year's super bowl game.

Florida's west coast is quieter than the hoopla of Miami and Ft. Lauderdale, but still attracts a million visitors annually. The near-perfect weather averages 68 degrees in the wintertime. The multi-lingual, multi-faceted, Tampa-Bay area offers a great climate, beautiful scenery, and fun and friendly people.

(For more detailed information, pick up a copy of BOB DAMRON ADDRESS BOOK '85, available at most better bars, baths, and bookstores throughout America. Or send $12 for your copy to BOB DAMRON ENTERPRISES, INC., PO Box 14-077, San Francisco, CA 94114.)

WILLIAM TELL REVIEWS:

"Chain Reaction"
and
"Closed Set II"

The "Chain" (bar) provides the backdrop for this power-packed, semi-kinky flick. It's the bartender who is told everyone's secrets (through flashbacks) and what secrets they are! We are shown men tied to crosses, men in slings, etc. Restraints are used freely.

"***Chain Reaction***" seems to favor three-ways, although there are several orgy scenes included in the package. Good photography, hunky men, and a bouncy musical score make this a must-see.

For those who want just plain action—sans story line—try "***Closed Set II.***" This film provides us with nineteen men—all hot and horny. It's truly a one-hour orgy.

"***Chain Reaction***" and "***Closed Set II***" are available for rent in Sacramento, on cassette, at ***Film for Days***.

Trivia Trial

(Answers are at the end.)

1. What is California's fastest growing city since 1980?
A. San Francisco
B. Santa Monica
C. Oakland
D. Bakersfield

2. What city has more electronics and information technology firms than any other city in the United States?
A. New York, NY
B. Dallas, TX
C. Sunnyvale, CA
D. Phoenix, AZ

3. What was the first colony to ratify the United States Constitution, thereby becoming the first state?
A. Virginia
B. Delaware
C. New York
D. Massachusetts

4. What award is given for winning the Indianapolis 500-mile auto race?
A. Indy 500 Trophy
B. Speedway Certificate
C. Endurance Trophy
E. Borg-Warner Trophy

5. What is the secret identity of Bruce Wayne?
A. The Joker
B. Robin Hood
C. Batman
D. The Penguin

6. Who is the 97-pound weakling who gets sand kicked in his face prior to taking the Charles Atlas course in physique building?
A. Mac
B. Paul
C. Joey
D. Sammy

7. What is the planet of birth of Superman?
A. Argon
B. Pluto
C. Ming
D. Krypton

8. What is the official song of the President?
A. Hail Columbia
B. Hail To The Chief
C. Victory At Sea
D. Stars And Stripes Forever

9. What was the surname of the family in the TV series "Mama?"
A. Hansons
B. Cruthers
C. Ingleside
D. None

10. What is the nickname of William Shakespeare?
A. Willy
B. The Great Reconteur
C. The Wee Traveler
D. The Bard of Avon

Answers
(1.) D; (2.) C; (3.) B; (4.) D; (5.) C; (6.) A; (7.) D; (8.) B; (9.) A; (10.) D.

GETTIN THERE

by TOM DOLAN

Return Of The Dishrack

Fishing was Chuck's metaphor for the manhunt, the seemingly endless search for Guy in the Sky, the Ultimate Teddy Bear, or Mr. Right, whatever you choose to call him.

Chuck's wash-n-wear wedding gown (you know, the one with the rusty zipper) had seen better days. He wasn't, however, about to give up. Men, exasperating as they were, still called to him like sirens.

He should have known romance was about to strike—again! His ring finger had begun to itch. Several times he had caught himself contemplating the barely affordable luxury of "falling in love."

Typically, the first few weeks had been wonderful. With Paris it felt like the real thing—again! So their first big fight was a shocker: "If you're going, go!" shouted Paris. "And take you stuff with you!"

Chuck's "stuff" included the toothbrush and bathrobe he brought to his friend's condo when it became apparent the two men would be sleeping together almost every night.

Feeling like a stick man in a child's drawing, bathrobe in one hand, toothbrush in the other, Chuck headed for the kitchen where a chic, unpainted dishrack (a Swedish import) was stacked high with dishes. Carefully, methodically, on the verge of tossing everything across the room, Chuck placed each cup on its hook, each plate and saucer on its shelf over the sink.

Just as methodically, he folded the dishrack flat and began piling other gifts on top: an old copper kettle Paris had lovingly polished; *The Male Couple*, a book Chuck wanted Paris to read; all the things that tend to accumulate the first few weeks of a relationship.

A stack of shiny, sexy greeting cards slid to the floor when Chuck lifted the rack and Paris hurled, "You can take your birthday present, too! I never did like it."

Chuck gathered up the cards as if they were leaves and laid a bright shirt, splashed with pink and purple parrots, on top of the pile.

"At least it'll keep things from blowing away when I get outside," thought Chuck, not quite believing how calm he had remained thus far.

"I thought you liked it," he ventured, meaning the shirt.

"You've been wrong about a lot of things," said Paris, intent on hurting the man who, he perceived, had hurt him.

"Why is it so important for you to make me wrong and you right?" he asked his friend, who pretended not to hear the question.

Dazed and numb, Chuck headed in the direction of the door, carefully placing one foot in front of the other as if walking a tightrope.

"This is it!" underscored Paris. "If you leave this time, I never want to see you again. And don't bother to call. I never want to hear from you again. This is no game."

Too stunned to reply, Chuck kept placing one foot in front of the other till safely outside, when he paused once to say "Goodbye, Sweetheart" toward the bedroom, where Paris had retreated, hoping Chuck would follow him.

Once in his car, surrounded by cool darkness, Chuck felt strangely serene. A wave he later described as Liberation swept over him. Accelerating into the night, he smiled to himself and whispered into the empty rear-view mirror, "That was close!"

Later, however, it hit him. No more kisses (Paris had the sweetest kisses he had ever tasted). No more cuddling and sleeping together. No more "hard candy" in the morning. No more showers or breakfasts or dinners together. No more drives in the country, Paris' hot little hand clamped on Chuck's thigh.

By the time he got to his apartment, Chuck was shaking.

"I can't stay here tonight," he muttered, startled by the quiver in his voice.

Within minutes, Chuck observed himself back in his car, headed for Alfie's, the local "wrinkle room," a bar catering to men of a certain age.

"Maybe I'll find an older man who will help me through the night," he thought. "I need to be held. I need to hold onto something warm and solid."

Almost instantly he connected with a tall, lean and handsome man in Harris tweed. *Established*, *balanced*, and *respectable* were words that came to mind along with *solid* and *warm*.

"Just what the doctor ordered," he pronounced, sliding onto the stool next to Ron, who was exhibiting all the right characteristics.

For two days and two nights, Chuck and Ron fell into what was beginning to feel like *yet another relationship* (ye gods!). For two days and two nights Paris sat by the phone waiting for Chuck to call.

One the third day Paris cracked: "Chuck," he said in level, measured tones, "you left a few things behind. Your alarm clock, some socks, a book of poetry. Do you want to come get them, or would you like me to bring them over?"

"I'll come over there," said Chuck, who felt he could afford to be gallant. After all, he had something wonderful going with Ron.

"In about five minutes," he added, his heartbeat accelerating.

"What if he says he's sorry? What if he wants to get back together? What a mess!" shot through his mind. "If that's what he wants, he'd better think again. I've had it with that jerk!"

But Paris greeted him with open arms and bleeding heart.

"Please don't get sexual," was Chuck's unspoken request.

"Let's not fight anymore," said Paris, who also managed to say, "I love you very much," and (damn it!), "I'm sorry," before dissolving into tears.

A warm spot in the center of Chuck's chest gradually expanded till it suffused his entire body. In a word or two, he *melted*.

"What will I tell Ron?" asked Chuck.

Who's Ron?" asked Paris.

"It's a long, complicated story," said Chuck.

It wasn't easy, but Chuck got it out. The harder part would be explaining things to Ron, whom he also loved.

"The dishrack's in the car," said Chuck with a grin.

"Bring it in," said Paris, "after we spend about ten hours in bed."

Few things are sweeter than making up after a fight. Anger is close to sexual arousal psychologists say. Chuck knew a couple who made fighting an integral part of their relationship. Every afternoon he heard them tossing pots and plates across the kitchen which abutted his. Every night he heard them making love like animals.

In the morning Paris brought coffee. Several hours later, hunger for another kind of food forced them out of bed.

After their customary morning shower, Paris once more kneeling to pleasure his friend, Chuck dressed and headed for the car. He brought back the much-traveled dishrack, piled high with socks, underwear, bathrobe, toothbrush—and enough work clothes to get him through an entire week.

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"Philosophy"

by Philip E. Ewoldsen

Valentine's Day has come and gone—and this seems like an appropriate time to reflect on love and relationships. For too many of us there have been a large number of relationships: a week, a month, perhaps two, even a number of years. Relationships that have ended prematurely because the two participants did not have any clear understanding of the boundaries for their relationship.

Sexual boundaries are one of those areas we often have trouble discussing. If you think your partner is into monogomy; and you're not (even if it's just a little variety only when you're out of town), you hesitate to bring the subject up for fear the discussion may shatter the calm or even fracture the relationship. And so it goes unspoken; and one or both of you resents what you think the other wants; and one or both of you feel guilty if you do act on those impuses. So the lies and resentments build ever higher walls between you.

Try discussing the subject. Show your partner this column and say: "Hey, we need a clearer understanding between us." Each one of you needs to express your feelings honestly. Then, if necessary, arrive at a compromise, a decision that can be modified in the future if needed, a decision that can be lived in the reality of now.

I don't care what your rules or guidelines are—they're your business. I do feel it is vital for every couple to have clear understandings, mutually arrived at and mutually lived. In fact, your discussion might be the lead-in to improving communication on a number of previously not or seldom-discussed topics. Opening up the doors of communication, on both sides, should improve the health of every relationship out there. So start talking. And here's to your health!

Trivia Trial

(Answers are at the end.)

1. What is a "chignon?"
2. The Roman god of love was who?
3. A howitzer is a what?
4. Name the capital city of Iowa.
5. Which was the first colony in the Continental Congress to urge independence?
6. The Santa Fe Trail began where?
7. Name the sixteenth president of the United States.
8. Give the name of a river that has four of the letter "i" and three sets of double consonants.
9. What year was the first satellite placed in orbit around the earth?
10. Who was the first person to walk on the moon?

Answers

(1.) A knot of hair worn at the back of the head by women. (2.) Cupid. (3.) A cannon. (4.) Des Moines. (5.) North Carolina. (6.) Independence, Missouri. (7.) Abraham Lincoln. (8.) Mississippi. (9.) 1957. (10.) Neil Alden Armstrong.

LESBIAN/GAY VIDEO FESTIVAL SCHEDULED

The 4th San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Video Festival will be held June 16-22, 1985. Entries are now being accepted.

The Festival attempts to bring together the best in professional, avant garde, and short features from around the country. The Festival is pure entertainment and theme and subject matter are irrelevant.

The Festival is organized by FRAMELINE, a non-profit media organization established to develop an audience for lesbian and gay video and to promote a demand for quality productions and wider exhibition both within and external to the gay community.

This year's Festival includes a rentable traveling exhibition. Festival '85 will have a 3-night run and will be broadcast on Bay Area Cable, EZ-TV in Los Angeles, and Manhattan Cable.

Festival '85's range of categories includes erotic video, as well as established art, shorts, comedy, social documentary, and magazine format. Formats accepted are ¾" and ½" VHS. No entry fee is necessary; however, return postage should be enclosed.

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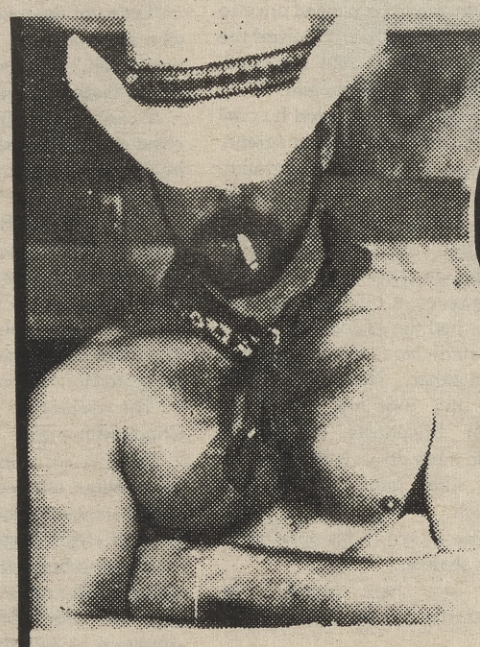

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SALT LAKE CITY

by Ian Speakman

Salt Lake City had its true "closet queens" show their other side to the rest of the gay communicty in the recent "Closet Ball." The event offered a variety of acts from the usual lip-sync drag numbers to actual voice performance. Many persons in the audience remarked that the 1-hour transitions from male-to-female and female-to-male exceeded their expectations.

WEST HOLLYWOOD

The mayor of the nation's first city with a homosexual majority on its City Council recently charged that anti-gay attitudes might have caused an FBI investigation into a counseling center she once headed.

Mayor Valerie Terrigno, a lesbian, said she has not been contacted by the FBI, but federal and local officials said recently that agents are investigating Crossroads Counseling Service, a gay and lesbian organization Terrigno once headed.

Asked whether anti-gay informants had attempted to start the investigation, Terrigno said, "I think there are a lot of people feeling that way." She did not specify the FBI.

Terrigno, 31, was director of the now-defunct Crossroads Counseling Service from 1981 to 1984. She said she quit to run for a seat on the City Council.

Federal Emergency Management Agency officials have confirmed that both the FBI and the city of Los Angeles are investigating alleged misuse of $30,000 in government grants to Crossroads.

TORONTO

From July 1 to 7, the International Gay Association (IGA) will hold its annual conference in Toronto. In conjunction with the IGA meeting, an international gay/lesbian history conference will be held July 3 to 6 at the University of Toronto.

Presentations relating to the theme "Sex and the State: Their Laws, Our Lives" are being sought by the organizers of the history conference.

For information, write Canadian Gay Archives, PO Box 639, Station A. Toronto, Canada M5W 1G2.

BERKELEY

The Berkeley Gay Men's Health Collective needs medics and volunteers to help promote gay health. Training is provided. For information, call (415) 644-0425, or write: Gay Men's Health Collective, 2339 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704.

EAST LANSING

The Lansing Area Lesbian/Gay Hotline has been operating now for three years. The Hotline provides support to gay women and men who want to discuss concerns and problems. The line is staffed three hours each night except Saturday.

The Hotline is currently considering the expansion of the Hotline to include service to outlying areas such as Grand Rapids, Muskegon, and Mt. Pleasant. This effort will increase the Hotline's outreach and will increase funding efforts. This is important since it is likely the Hotline will lose public funding in 1985; such funding presently accounts for approximately two-thirds of the operating budget. Currently, the Hotline serves the Greater Lansing Area which includes Grand Ledge, Portland, and from Holt to St. Johns.

For more information, call (517) 332-1611 or write 855 Grove Street, East Lansing, MI 48823.

MIAMI

Gay persons who are looking for adventure can now enjoy six days of island hopping, secret coves, beachcombing, exploring, and snorkeling in the Caribbean.

Windjammer Barefoot Cruises has established exclusively gay cruises. The next gay Windjammer cruise sets sail April 30 when a group of about 75 will board the Yankee Clipper or Yankee Trader for six days and nights before the mast. Voyagers will feel completely at ease knowing that their shipmates share the same common interests and social manners.

For further information, write Windjammer Barefoot Cruises, PO Box 120, Miami, FL 33119-0120 for a free full-color brochure, or call toll free 1-800-327-2601. (Note: Don't forget to mention that you saw this notice in the PATLAR.)

DAYTON

The Dayton City Commission recently adopted a revised policy statement on non-discrimination in employment by the City of Dayton. The revised policy statement now includes the phrase "sexual orientation" for the first time.

Dayton became the 51st municipality to provide protection for gay people.

KANSAS CITY

The Kansas City chapter of Black and White Men Together has started a project to raise money to help with famine relief in Africa. Entertainment benefits will be scheduled. Plans include break dancing, female impersonation, magic, and singers. Proceeds will be given to Africair, a coalition of political and religious organizations, which has already given $40,000 to famine-relief efforts.

CLEVELAND

The 4th Annual All-Ohio Lesbian/Gay and Feminist Conference will be held April 19-21, 1985. The theme is "Building Community." The program will include speakers Larry Bush, and NOW president Judy Goldsmith. A party on Saturday will feature comedienne Kate Clinton.

The conference, including the party, will cost $5. There will be a cash bar. For more information, contact Gerald Bores, PO Box 777, Edgewater Station, Cleveland, OH 44107 or call (216) 961-5556.

INDIANAPOLIS

The Greater Indianapolis Gay Business Association (GIGBA) will hold fund-raising events at each of its member businesses during March to coincide with the visit to Indiana of Virginia Apuzzo, President of the National Gay Task Force. The Association hopes that all gay businesses in Indianapolis will become involved in the event by staging a fund raiser before March 22.

GIGBA hopes to raise $5000. It plans to divide the money among the not-for-profit gay organizations in the area.

BEL AIR

Members of the Calvary Baptist Church in Bel Air Maryland recently voted to revoke ordination of Reverand Brian Scott after learning that he is gay.

Scott, who was Director of the Gay and Lesbian Christian Fellowship, was stripped of his ordination by a 112-2 vote.

The church learned of Scott's homosexuality when a secretary saw a letter which indicated he was involved in a gay organization.

COLUMBUS

Last August, Officer Jim Landfear was appointed as Police Liaison to the gay community. He now receives two to three calls a week from gay men and lesbians in need of advice, assistance, or police aid for various reasons.

Those who feel they have been the victim of a crime because of their sexual orientation should call Officer Landfear at (614) 846-4010. Anyone who feels that his/her case requires special handling, or feels they have been the victim of police harassment, should contact him at this number as well.

CONCORD

In California, Contra Costa County's only gay and lesbian rap group resumed last month. The Gay and Lesbian Rap Group will meet every Friday night. It is held at 7:30-9:30 PM at 2247 Concord Boulevard in downtown Concord and is sponsored by Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Peter Sellers, head of the National Theater in Washington, D.C., recently announced a June production of "Come on Over, or Embassy Row," a play by the late actress Mae West.

The play is a farce with profound moments. Miss West wrote several plays, and this one does not fit her stereotype.

Stanley Musgrove, Miss West's biographer, says that the West-like heroine may be difficult to cast because of Miss West's unique walk and bearing. "I think they should go after a female impersonator," he suggested.

NEWPORT BEACH

Two medical researchers announced recently that they have for the first time identified an antibody that inactivates the AIDS virus in laboratory experiments, a step toward development of an AIDS vaccine. However, the scientists were cautious about predicting when an anti-AIDS vaccine can be expected.

Considerable research must be done to determine whether the anti-AIDS antibody will destroy the virus in the human body as effectively as it destroys it in the laboratory.

The discovery was announced at a scientific conference in Newport Beach sponsored by the City of Hope National Medical Center.

The so-called "neutralizing antibody" was identified independently by Dr. Marjorie Robert-Guroff at the National Cancer Institute and Dr. Martin Hirsch at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Hirsch confirmed the discovery of the antibody against AIDS, and said his findings soon will be published in a letter to the editor of an unspecified medical journal and will be presented in April during an AIDS conference in Atlanta.

MADISON

The Salvation Army recently lost a city contract in Madison because of a Wisconsin law prohibiting discrimination against gays and lesbians.

The law requires all agencies signing contracts with the city to pledge that they will not discriminate against homosexuals and other protected groups. The Salvation Army signed a nearly half-million-dollar contract with the city to provide shelter for the homeless, but attached a statement supporting discrimination "dictated by religious purposes." As a result, the city did not contract with the organization.

The contract was awarded to Madison's Catholic Social Services after the city received assurances that the organization would have no problem complying with the anti-bias policy.

PHILADELPHIA

The Federal Communications Commission recently rejected a petition by the Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force to deny the license renewals of radio stations WCAU-AM and WCAU-FM.

The Task Force charged the two CBS-owned stations with refusing to air its public-service announcements, and a lack of gay-related programming.

The FCC ruled that the Task Force failed to show proof that WCAU did not meet the needs of its service area.

Moreover, under a 1983 decision deregulating the broadcasting industry, the FCC held that a licensee is not required to provide programs for all segments of the community.

EUREKA

In Eureka, there is a monthly support group available for women concerned about drug and alcohol use by their friends, lovers, and co-workers and how their drug use affects their relationships. The group has informal meetings at members' homes, where personal experiences are shared on a confidential basis. The participants are also considering projects such as developing a volunteer counseling or scholarship fund for a drug rehabilitation program.

For more information, interested women should call (707) 677-0169 or (707) 445-1834.

SPRINGFIELD

Two gay-rights laws have been introduced nto the Illinois state legislature and a contract for state workers has been negotiated which will protect gays.

State Representatives have started the process to introduce gay civil rights legislation before committee in the 1985 Assembly. Two bills are being introduced. HB-8 will amend the Illinois Human Rights Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, real-estate transactions, financial credit, and public accommodations. HB-9 will amend the criminal code to add sexual orientation to the definitions of ethnic intimidation and institutional vandalism.

State employees will receive the protection even without the law. Anti-discrimination clauses have been included in a contract drawn up for the state's professional employees.

A "memo of understanding" was signed recently by the state's Bureau of Personnel, and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees. The memo says that the "parties agree that sexual orientation is a 'non-merit factor'," which means it cannot be used as a criterion for employment.

The memo is legally binding and is part of a contract which will cover almost 14,000 employees of the state.

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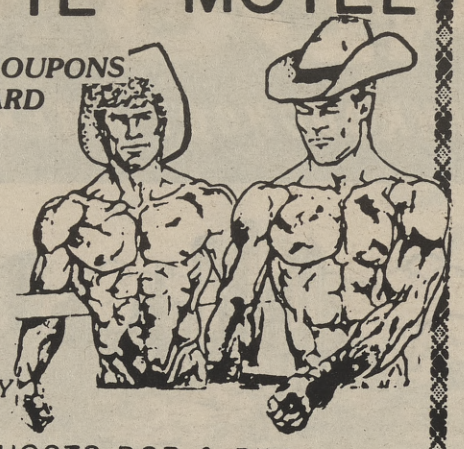

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Anyone interested in volunteering at Shanti is encouraged to call (415) 558-9644 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday for more information.

NEW YORK

The American Run for the End of AIDS is a run around the continental United States by a gay American athlete. The purpose of the run is to raise money for AIDS, to raise the consciousness and the morale of gay people around the country, and to promote better understanding between gay and straight Americans.

AREA will begin and end in New York City. The run will start in the spring of 1985 and will finish in the fall of 1986. The event will include as many cities and as much area as possible. AREA will symbolize the effort to fight and overcome the terrible diseae known as AIDS.

A committee is in the process of being formed to organize and promote the run and to establish The American Run for the End of AIDS Fund. Donations will be evenly divided among AIDS research, support for people with AIDS, and educational programs for the public.

For more information, write the AREA committee, 2350 Broadway, New York NY 10024.

POMONA

The Third Annual Freedom Festival will be held July 4, 1985 in the Riverside area. The event will be co-sponsored by Gents and the Pomona/San Gabriel Valley Gay/Lesbian Coalition. Organizations and businesses from all areas are invited to participate and to share in the profits.

Planning and development is already under way by the Freedom Festival Committee which promises that the Festival will be bigger and better than ever. This year's theme is "MORE ALIVE IN '85."

For more information, write Freedom Festival Committee, 710 W. Orange Grove, Pomona, CA 91768, or call (714) 622-7303.

CLEARLAKE

There are several fun places in the Clearlake area. One of them is Gene's Sunset Point Saloon and Restaurant located at 12037 East Highway 20 in Clearlake Oaks. The establishment prides itself in being "your home away from home." Dinner is served daily beginning at 5:00 PM. March events include:

6: Spaghetti Night 6:00.
9: Movie, 2:00 & 9:00 PM.
13: Spaghetti Night 6:00.
16: St. Patrick's Day (all-day) Party, Green Beer 50¢. 20: Spaghetti Night 6:00.
23: Movie (double feature)
27: Spaghetti Night 6:00.
29: Aries Party, one bottle of champagne for all aries.
30: One Year Party 10:00 till closing; free buffet.

CINCINNATI

Metropolitan Community Church of Cincinnati is having financial problems. Church leaders have resolved to act responsibly, to steward resources, and to continue.

Some areas of involvement of MCC Cincinnati within the community are: teams sports; prison ministries; deacons' fund and closet, providing food and emergency cash to anyone in need; elderly home visits; monthly socials; mid-week prayer service and bar ministry; adult Christian education programs; an upcoming application to the Council of Christian Communions; 24-hour crisis counseling; crisis intervention; couple and pastoral counseling; and hospital and home visitation of the sick.

To continue the church must retire its past-due debts, including past-due pastor's salary and past-due rent.

To meet immediate financial obligations, the church will sell bonds, to be repaid in 18 months. The program will work in the following manner:

1. The bonds will be issued in increments of $10 for a period of 18 months with 10% per annum simple interest rate.

2. The bonds must be held for 18 months to reach maturity, and will not accrue further interest past this period.

3. The bonds are intended exclusively for debt retirement.

For more information, telephone or write The Ways-and-Means Committee, Metropolitan Community Church of Cincinnati, 65 E. Hollister St., Cincinnati, OH 45219.

ALBUQUERQUE

Common Bond's educational outreach program to the non-gay community, Project Straight Talk, continues to respond to invitations from organizations in Albuquerque and around the state.

Project Straight Talk representatives have presented workshops on homosexuality to health practitioners. The program have been well received and participants have sought ideas on how to apply the information the their own practices.

For more information, call (505) 266-8041.

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Sexaholics Anonymous is a program of recovery for those who want to stop their sexually self-destructive thinking and behavior. Meetings are held Monday, Thursday, and Saturday. For information, write Sexaholics Anonymous, PO Box 8066, Albuquerque, NM 87196.

PASADENA

The Mariposa Foundation, a non-profit research and educational foundation in Pasadena, California recently announced that most over-the-counter birth control foams and gels contain an ingredient that kills the AIDS virus in laboratory tests. A federal official, however, warned that it must be tested for effectiveness in people at risk of contracting the disease.

"We believe this prevention measure can reduce the number of persons who might otherwise contract AIDS over the next several years while an effective treatment is being sought," said Bruce Voeller, a researcher.

Voeller announced that nonoxynol-9, the active ingredient in many spermicides, was found to kill AIDS virus during laboratory tests conducted at the US Centers for Disease Control last year. It also worked well against gonorrhea in tests on humans, but the US Food and Drug Administration has not yet approved the substance for that use.

LAS VEGAS

The first Desert States Lesbian and Gay Conference will meet in Las Vegas, Nevada on March 30 and 31.

Representatives of gay and lesbian organizations from Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah are working together to form a regional organization. Workshops are being planned which will cover the full range of organizational activities of gay and lesbian groups in the region.

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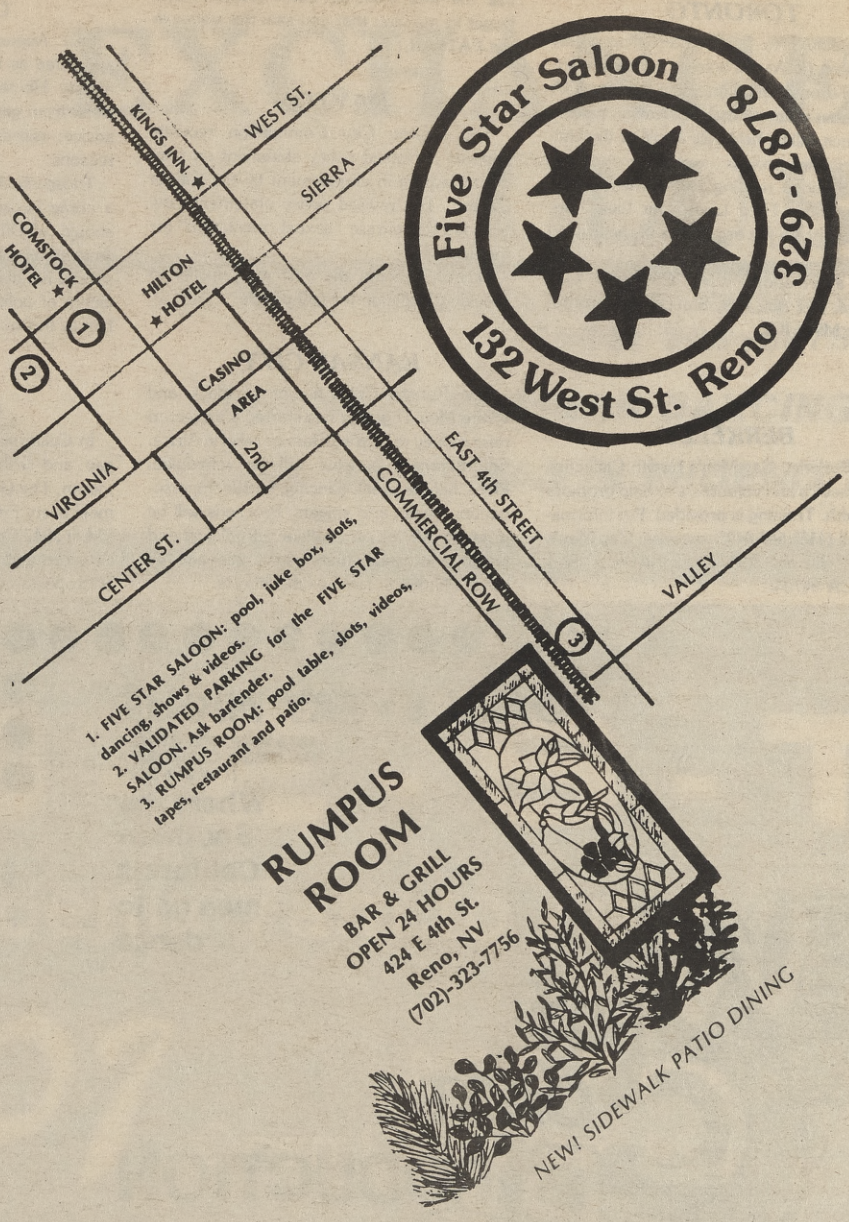

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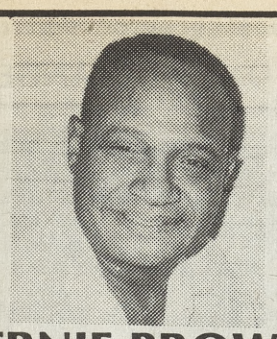

ERNIE BROWN

VIEWS FROM RIVER CITY

For the month of February to have only 28 days, it was certainly a busy one. New bars opening, Sweethearts Ball, presidents' holidays, Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, Black History Week. Yes, all of this took place in just 28 days...One of the highlights of Feb. was the grand opening of one of our new bars, "Once In A Blue Moon." This event took place on Sat. Feb 16. It was a success. However, the secret of success lies not in doing your own work, but recognizing the "right people" to do the job. All of the bartenders, Faron, Pam, Brad, Jimmy, Patty, and Shannon evidentally had the right stuff. Congrats, Shannon...Yours truly went up to Clearlake a couple of weekends ago to cover The Cabaret's annual Sleaze Ball. This was the second one that I have attended. It was a hoot. You wanted sleaze, you got sleaze! I would like to thank Chuck & Scotty (owners of The Cabaret) for their warm & friendly hospitality. My contrats to Laguna Rose for winning the 1985 title: The Sleaze of the Year. Also a special thanks to Bill & Don, mgrs. of The Lake Place Resort (formerly Shamrock Resort) for providing me a place to rest my weary tete. Sacto, you've got to check out Clearlake. It's a nice change-...Well, now, since the ides of March are upon us, remember whenever you are sincerely pleased, you are nourished, since few large pleasures are lent to us on a long lease. It is wise to cultivate a large undergrowth of small pleasures. So here we go!...Starting off: The Wreck Room is having their grand opening at their new locations—2113 Broadway—on Thursday March 7. It will last for four days, topped off with a St. Patrick's Day Shindig. You know the Wreck Room's reputation, so don't miss it...Keep you eyes & ears open for some new additions at "Once In A Blue Moon" coming soon: lunch, draft beer. They will be having a St. Patrick's Day celebration. Check for time. If you haven't yet seen this new bar, check it out. I am sure you will like it. Plenty of room to dance...GNIE's "Kamp Awards" will be held this year at The Forum, March 23, starting at 7:30. There will be a $6 cover charge. Always a fun event...Our Duke & Duchess, Randi & Oscar, will be celebrating their one-half-year anniversry with a spaghetti feed at The Mercantile Saloon, Tues. March 12, starting at 5 PM. Proceeds go to "Coronation '85."...Bobbette is having another one of his famous taco feeds, Mon. March 11 starting at noon at The Mercantile. Benefit for Lady Garnett's Fire Tragedy Fund...The Knights of Malta, Pony Express Chapter, will be holding a bingo game (also a raffle) this month. Date & time to be announced...The Pisceans are at it again. They are having their seventh annual Pisces Party Sunday March 30 starting at 4 PM at The Mercantile Saloon. If you're a Piscean, please sign up with Yours Truly (Ernie Brown) at The Merc. Food & surprises, everyone invited...Sunday March 10 there will be a benefit at Sandals/Bojangles for battered children. New things to watch for at Scandals-/Bojangles: a new pool room, increased parking, new and larger bathrooms, and most important, a full-liquor bar & full menu on the Bojangles side...The Forum is still turning out those beautiful Sunday brunches...The Incredible Edible's unique cocktail lounge has been entertaining some of Sacto's beautiful people. You, too, can be "beautiful" by merely stopping by and saying "Howdy."...Check the Western Saloon for their March events-...Don't forget The Rose is still having their Jackpot Night on Mondays...For all of you theatre buffs, here is a biggie for you. Starting early in March at The Garbeau Dinner Theatre located at 12401 Folsom Blvd., the one & only "Mr. Roberts." I'm sure you are familiar with this delightful play. It's a wonderful way to spend an evening, Wed. thru Sun. nites. They also serve lunches, 11-2. Say "hello" to Bo & Barett, our brothers...The Buffalo Club is now serving some delectable snacks on Tues. & Thurs. afternoons starting at 5 PM,(barbequed chicken wings on Tues. and tacos on Thurs.)...I told you there were a lot of things for your entertainment scheduled for March. So I am going to sign off by saying, "The test of an enjoyment is the remembrance which it leaves behind. Happy Birthday all you Pisceans.

RICHMOND

A group of gay Christians have organized a Metropolitan Community Church in the small mid-western town of Richmond, which is located in Indiana between Indianapolis and Dayton. They meet for worship each Sunday afternoon at 1:00 PM in the Garden Club House at Glen Miller Park. Additional information may be obtained by calling (317) 935-4381 or (513) 456-3574.

FRESBURG, U.S.A.

By R.E.S.

Let me welcome you to Fresno, a city of a quarter million inhabitants set in the midst of California's central San Joaquin Valley.

Situated about half way between San Francisco and Los Angeles, Fresno (often referred to lovingly—and sometimes not so lovingly-by its inhabitants as Fresburg) is generally not thought of as more than a rural rest stop on the highway. And in truth, there are more raisins than poppers, more Reaganites than sodomites here.

But Fresno is the world's agri-business capital, with a surprising cultural diversity. And there is also a thriving gay sub-culture which includes a variegated "organized community"; bars and a bathhouse; a gay-influenced quarter; and, of course, extensive private networks which produce everyuthing from lesbian football teams and a marching F(l)ag Corps to a rumored non-athletic "gay olympics" of ill-repute.

In future columns, I'll introduce you to some of Fresno's gay institutions and personalities, and also let prospective visitors know of upcoming gay events. This month, I offer an overview.

To begin with, two gay traditions are actively carried on here. No, not those...I'm talking about the Metropolitan Community Church and the Court. A 50-plus member chapter of MCC has been flourishing for several years; and the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno, renowned up and down the West Coast for its high quality drag productions and hospitality, is nearing the end of its eleventh year.

Of more recent vintage, Gay United Services (GUS)—a bona fide tax-exempt corporation—has been providing important community services. Its GUS-LINE has offered information referrals and crisis counselling at (209) 264-HELP since 1982. Also GUS sponsors a classy Gay Community Center, open on a part-time basis since May of last year; the A(IDS)-Team, providing preventive and public education and psycho-social services related to the AIDS epidemic; and a variety of educational and social activities.

The Central California Business and Professional Association (CCBPA) or "the alphabet club") is only two years old, but has attracted speakers and entertainers of state-wide reputation to Fresno, while inducing many closets to open around town.

The bar scene is represented by The Red Lantern (western-ish), The Palace Rawhide Room (men are welcome, but women predominate), and The Express (for the the younger set able to cruise and dance till closing). Also, The Steam Works chain operates a small but lively bathhouse in an improbable location; and a couple of parks are used for cruising al fresco.

While hardly approaching gay-ghetto status, the Tower District offers a higher concentration of gay residents, many relatively open gay businesses, and a "neighborhood association" that has encouraged a public, positive gay presence in the area.

Fresno also has a discussion/support group for college-age gays and lesbians; a chapter of the Knights of Malta motorcycle club (which recently hosted the national convention); a Speakers Bureau that has addressed numerous groups and classes; and support groups for those with alcohol and drug problems.

Visitors are usually surprised at the extent and quality of the gay presence here, and at the way men and women work closely together. There are some drawbacks to the relatively familial atmosphere; but meanwhile the strengths of common purpose and trust have been productively exploited.

And now, as the tule fog gently descends into our valley, painting everything (for days on end) in pale grey lustre, we bid farewell from our Fair City of Fresno, and invite you back next month for another gay glimpse into-...Fresburg, U.S.A.

DAVIS

In the northern California city of Davis, surveys documenting discrimination against gay and lesbian residents are fueling a drive for a city ordinance prohibiting such bias. A group called Citizens for Fairness for Lesbians and Gays was formed last year to research local harassment and to promote an anti-discrimination ordinance.

A gay-rights initiative failed 2-1 in a Davis election several years ago, but the group feels the City Council will support such an ordinance.

"Politically it's an explosive issue, but we think they'll pass it," announced a spokesperson. First, "we have to convince them that the community supports us and that there really is a need for an ordinance."

A council member remarked that gay rights is "as most moral issues go, a difficult one not unlike abortion and capital punishment."

Another council member said that because the people of Davis recently voted against the issue that it seems "inappropriate for the City Council to pass an ordinance to that effect."

Of the surveys returned so far, about 62 percent of the respondents said they'd faced bias because of their sexual orientation.

PHOENIX

The Arizona AIDS Fund-Trust recently its annual fundraising party, Sweat & Muscle '85. With music by DJ Stewart Barkal and light by Jon Ford, this year's party was bigger and hotter than ever. Adding to the heat was an appearance by Ron Moore, Mister International Leather '85.

Sweat & Muscle '85 was for gay men who cannot party and who need help. Nearly $10,000 are needed to get through the coming months. As the number of AIDS patients in the Phoenix area steadily rises, the Arizona AIDS Fund-Trust is extending more and more support. The Arizona AIDS Fund-Trust is the only caring group within the state of Arizona dealing with AIDS.

Jewish Gay/Lesbian Conference Set

The 9th International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews is scheduled for June 6-9, 1985 at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. The Conference will be sponsored by the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations and Congregation Bet Mishpachah.

The Conference will bring together congregationally affiliated and unaffiliated gay and lesbian Jews from all corners of the world. People from all parts of the United States, Canada, Europe, and Israel are expected to attend.

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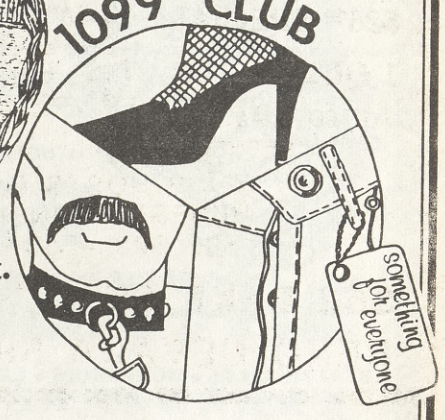

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Parted in a shy smile.
His eyes are lowered to a cigarette
Held firmly in slender fingers
And brought to tendrils of moustache
Framing his smile.
Five o'clock shadow creeps up his chin
And down his throat,
One dried razor nick emphasizing
Now the hours have passed,
The haste of caring.
He purses his lips in thought,
Provoking speculation:
What cloud does he persue?
What fragrant thought?
What gentle reason?
And we are not to know, not truly,
But only surmise
It is reflected in his eyes
Or plays about his smile.

"Taking Richard with Me"

I get lost in supermarkets
Among the cabbages and cauliflower
Testing firmness with both hands,
Sold against my palms,
But they are smooth-cheeked
Though unshaven
And do not have your ears to nibble
Or soft curls at the nape.
No. They are featureless and cool
Yet real enough.
Still I stand holding them
Lost in nostalgia of you.
I bring them close enough to sniff
And lay a cool cheek against mine,
Oblivious to other shoppers,
And catch myself turning parted lips
To find yours along the green.
I press my rising erection against the bin
And reach for a fat orange carrot.

"Richard in Winter"

You come in radiating January
Your icycled moustache crisp
And sherbet cheeks aglow.
Frost is Santa Clausing your brows,
And your leather jacket creaks
As you unbundle.
I pull your face against my chest
To thaw you out with my warmth,
And your hands slip inside my robe
To touch against my shoulders
And lower cheeks.
I shiver
Perhaps not so much from the chill
As in anticipation.

"Morning Kissing Richard"

Your head is resting in my hands
And thumbs touch the velvet
Of your ears,
The texture of your hair
Amidst my fingers.
I brush my unshaven cheek
Against yours
And feel soft eyefolds along my nose.
Tongue glories
In the stubble of your chin.
Then moustaches mesh and mingle,
Lips melt together sensuously
In a senuous slow waltz
And part to admit one another
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There is a nude beach close to the guest house which is very popular. Other places tourists love to go to are the markets and restaurants in H. Matamoros, Mexico, a border town of approximately 1.5 million. Port Isabel, the city on the mainland side of the causeway to South Padre Island, is a shrimping (not in the gay sense of the word, although that lovely old fetish is by no means unknown there) capitol, and there are all sorts of deep-sea and other fishing contests held there. The area is known for surfing, and sailboarding is becoming one of the most popular sports. There are motorized dune tricycles for rent, in addition to sand sailers. Excellent sea-food and other types of restaurants are located nearby.

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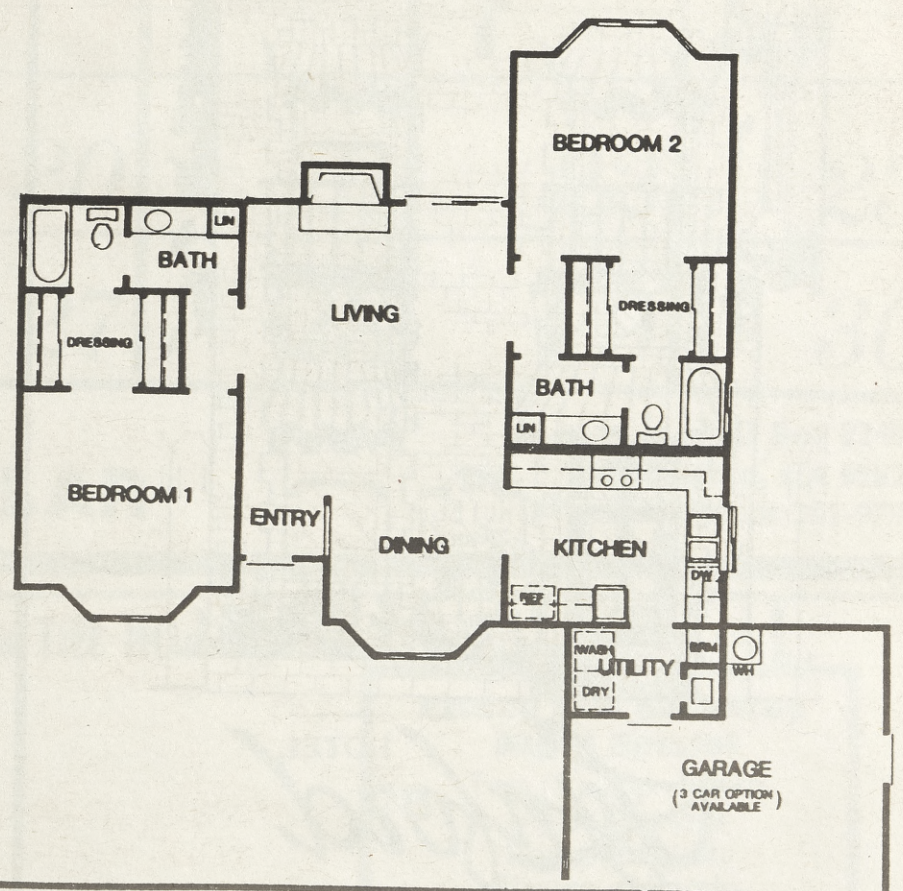

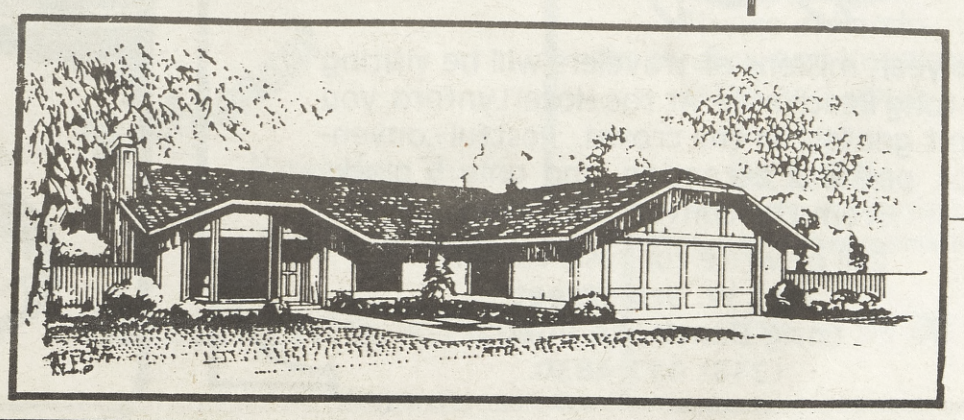

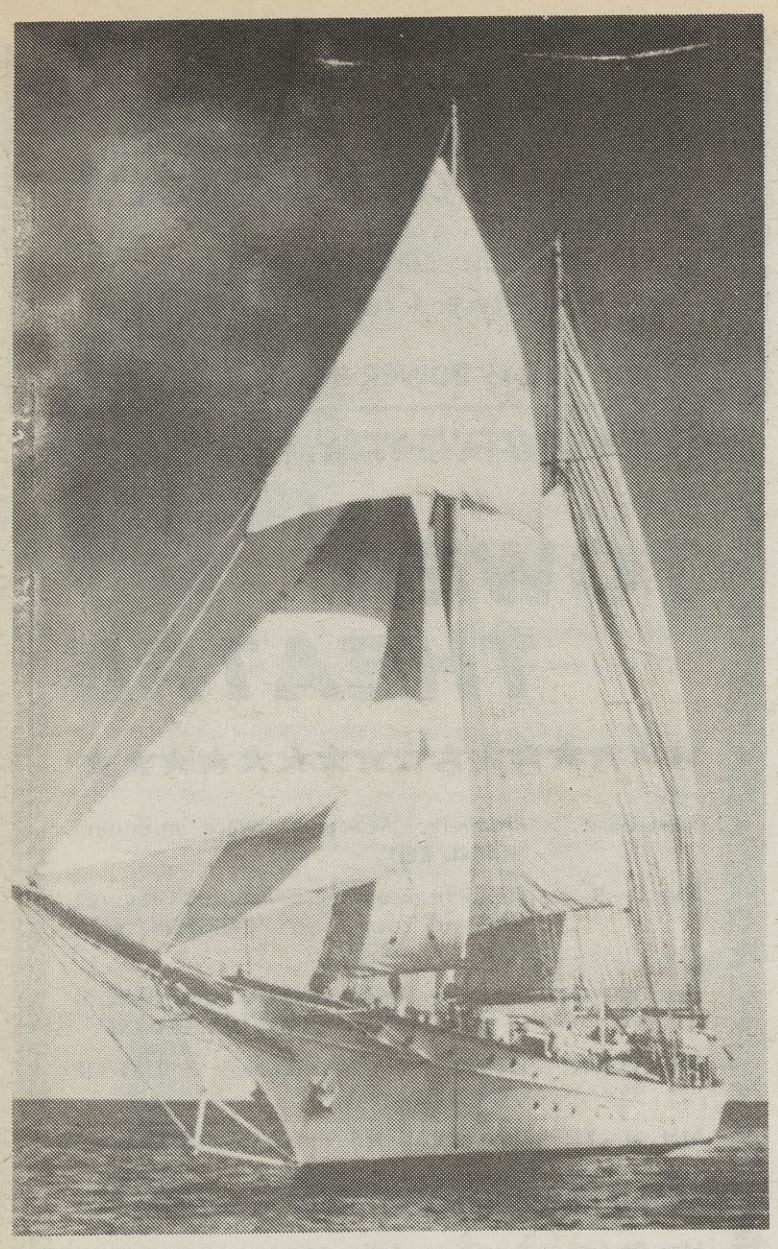

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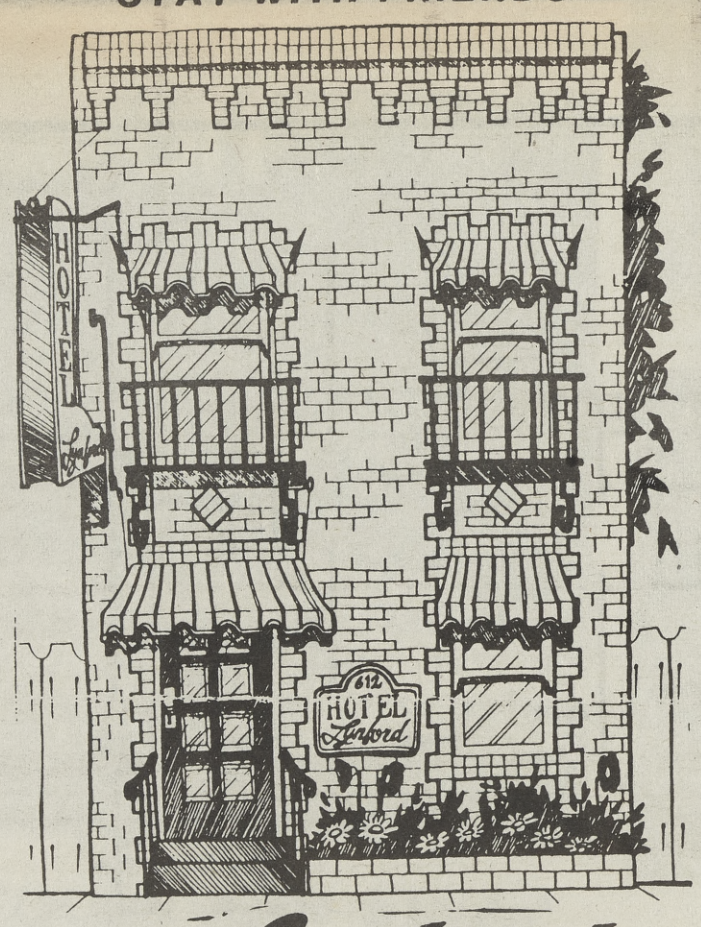

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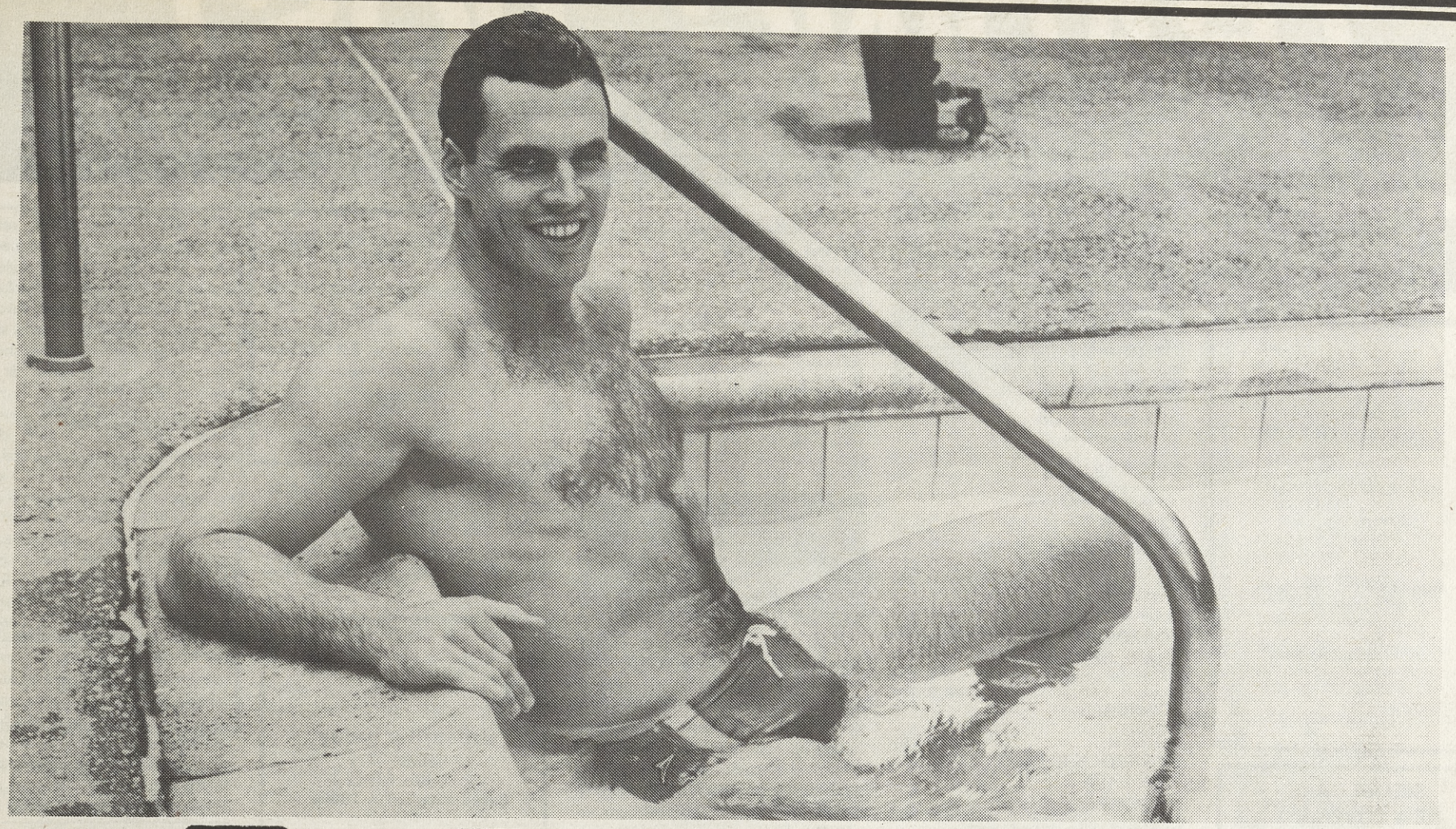

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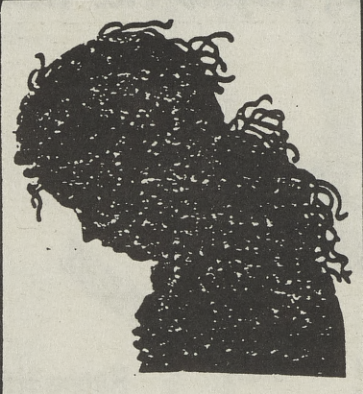

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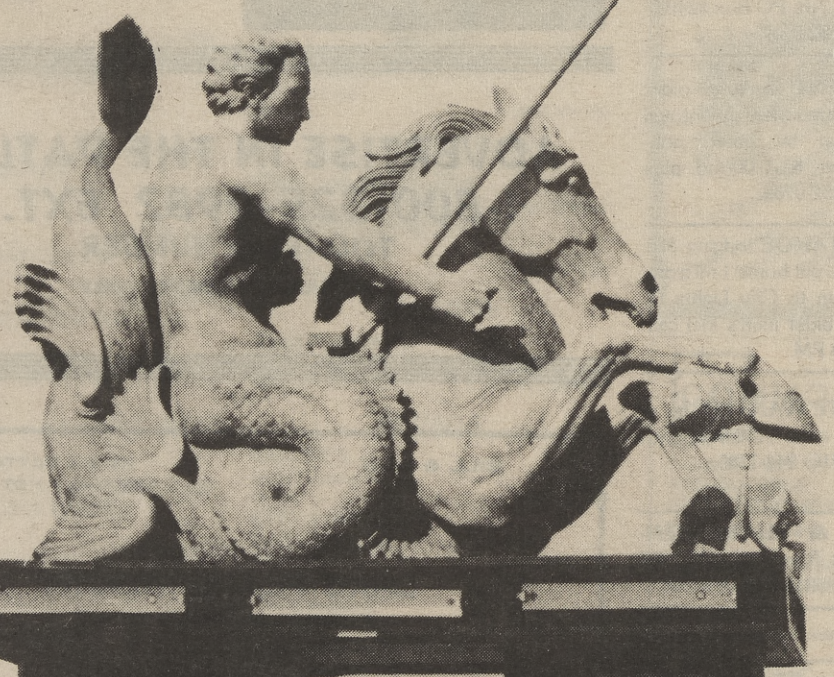

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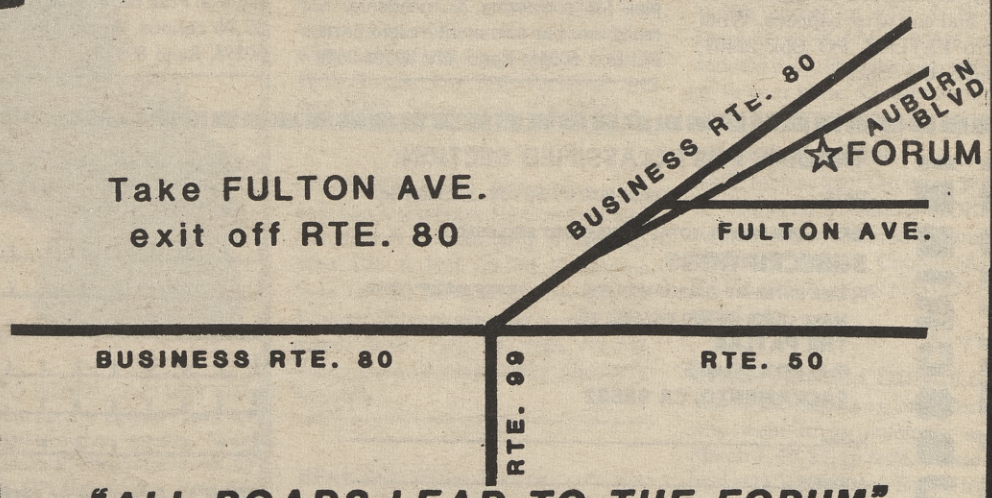

"ALL ROADS LEAD TO THE FORUM"

WATCH FOR GRAND OPENING OF:

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— SEAFOOD —

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DEEP FRIED FISH AND CHIPS $5.50
Three pieces of battered cod served with tartar sauce, malt vinegar and lemon wedges

DEEP FRIED PRAWNS $6.95
Five jumbo size prawns served with cocktail sauce and lemon

SEAFOOD PLATTER $6.95
Three assorted size fillets of cod, three shrimp served with cocktail sauce, tartar sauce and lemon wedges

BROILED LOBSTER TAIL $16.95
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CHEF'S SALAD Ham, Turkey, Cheddar & Jack Cheese, Egg and Tomato	$4.50
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ICE CREAM with LIQUEUR of YOUR CHOICE **$1.95**

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STEAK and EGGS Choice of N.Y. Steak or T-Bone	New York	5.95
	T Bone	6.95
PORK CHOPS and EGGS		5.95
EGGS BENEDICT		5.25
CORN BEEF HASH and EGGS		4.25

OMELETS Three Eggs **3.95**
Your choice of Two Items Additional Items 50¢
1 Shrimp 2 Ham 3 Cheese 4 Onions & Bell Pepper 5 Bacon 6 Tomatoes 7 Avocado 8 Crab

Bloody Mary 1.50
Daiquiri 2.00

JOE'S SPECIAL $4.75
Two Eggs any Style, Hash Brown Potatoes, Choice of Bacon, Sausage, Ham Steak or Grilled Canadian Bacon, Sliced Tomatoes, Mushrooms and Three Types of Cheese Melted on Grilled Toast

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Poached Eggs served on a Bed of Fresh, Sauteed Spinach and Dijon Mornay Sauce Topped

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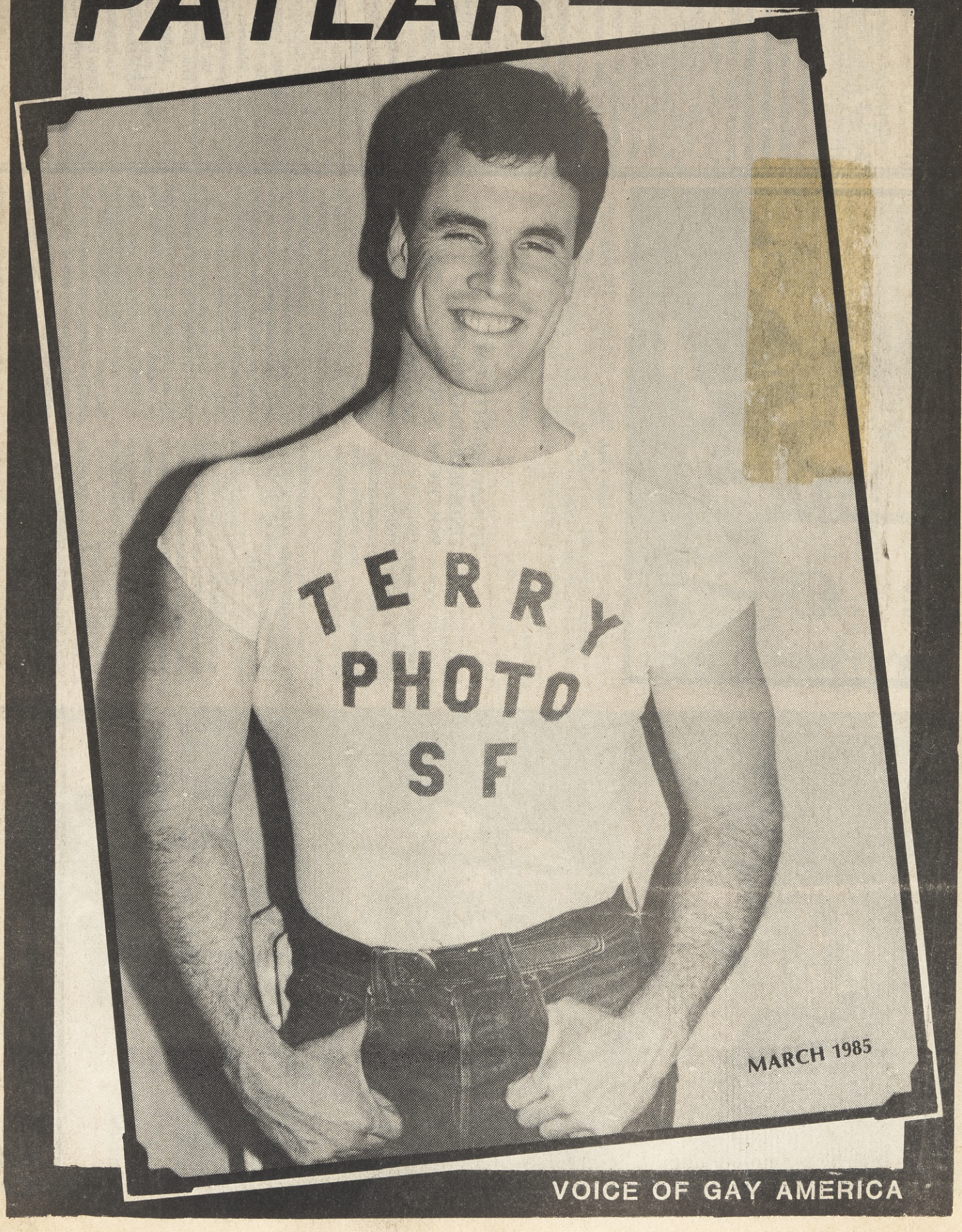

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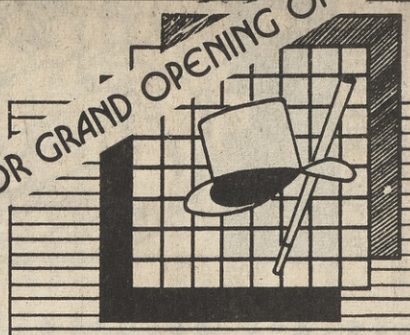

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Two Strips of Bacon, Two Link Sausages, Hash Browns, Sliced Tomatoes, Sauteed Onions, Mushrooms and Three Eggs Any Style served with Home Fries

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